

## Highly Diastereo- and Enantioselective [3+2] Annulation of Isatin-derived Morita-Baylis-Hillman Carbonates with Trifluoropyruvate Catalyzed by Tertiary Amine

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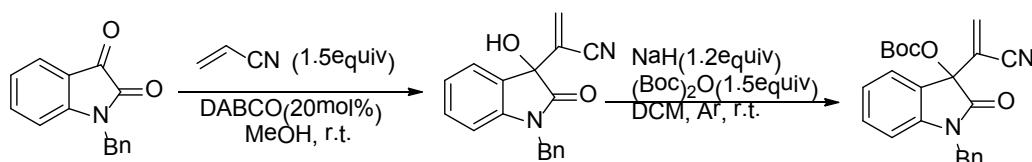
## 1. General Method

All reactions were carried out in oven dried flasks. All the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded on Bruker-AV 300 spectrometer and chemical shifts reported in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a NICOLET 6000 infrared spectrometer. Melting points were measured on Beijing-Tiker X-4 apparatus without correction. HRMS spectra were recorded on Thermo Fish Scientific-Exactive mass spectrometer. X-ray structure was determined on a Bruker Smart-1000 X-ray Diffraction meter. Common reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Cinchona alkaloid-type catalysts<sup>1</sup> and all the substrates<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to original or modified literature procedures. In each case, enantiomeric ratio was determined by chiral HPLC analysis on Chiralcel column in comparison with authentic racemates. Optical rotation data was examined in CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution and are reported as follows: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>rt</sup> (c in g per 100 mL of solvent). Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates.

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## 2 General procedure for preparation of Isatin-derived MBH carbonates



A mixture of *N*-benzyl isatin(6.2mmol, 1g), vinyl cyanide (9.3mmol, 0.61ml), and DABCO (1.24mmol, 139mg) in MeOH was stirred at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated by vacuum, then was added EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with dilute hydrochloric acid and water. The organic layer was separated, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated by vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 4:1) to afford *N*-benzyl isatin-derived MBH adduct.

*N*-benzyl isatin-derived MBH adduct (1.7mmol, 493mg), was added slowly to a suspension of sodium hydride (2.1mmol, 49mg) in dry DCM (15ml) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 10min. Then the resulting solution was added slowly to a solution of Boc anhydride (2.55mmol, 540.6mg) in 2 mL dry DCM at room temperature and stirred at room temperature for overnight. The reaction mixture was directly filtered and the filtrate was concentrated by vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 8: 1) to afford the desired *N*-benzyl isatin-derived MBH carbonate.

### 1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1a)

white solid. m.p. 126-128°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.32-7.25 (m, 7H), 7.12-7.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.4Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (d,  $J$ =7.8Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.08-5.02 (d,  $J$ =15.9Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.89 (d,  $J$  = 15.9Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.9, 150.0, 143.4, 135.0, 133.4, 131.2, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 124.6, 123.9, 123.6, 120.4, 115.1, 110.2, 84.5, 79.3, 44.6, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1736, 1605, 1469, 1297, 758. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ]<sup>+</sup> 413.1472, found: 413.1470.

### 1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1b)

white solid. m.p. 152-154°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.31-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15-7.12 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5Hz,  $J$  = 2.7Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.95 (td,  $J$  = 9.0Hz,  $J$  = 2.7Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.63 (dd,  $J$ =8.4Hz,  $J$ =3.9Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.06-5.00 (d,  $J$ =15.9Hz, 1H), 4.95-4.90 (d,  $J$  = 15.9Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.7, 159.4 (d,  $J$ =241.5Hz), 150.0, 139.3, 134.6, 133.7, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 126.1(d,  $J$ =8.5Hz), 119.8, 117.6 (d,  $J$ =23.3Hz), 114.8, 112.0 (d,

*J*=25.5Hz), 111.1 (d, *J*=8.3Hz), 84.8, 79.1, 44.7, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1606, 1496, 1262, 798. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>431.1378, found: 431.1376.

**1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1c)**

yellow solid. m.p. 146-148°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.37-7.23 (m, 7H), 6.66-6.63 (d, *J*=8.4Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.04-4.99 (d, *J*=16.2Hz, 1H), 4.96-4.91 (d, *J*=16.2Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.5, 150.0, 141.9, 134.5, 133.6, 131.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.3, 126.3, 124.2, 119.7, 114.8, 111.3, 84.9, 79.0, 44.7, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1745, 1614, 1485, 1263, 730. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>447.1082, found: 447.1080.

**1-benzyl-5-bromo-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1d)**

white solid. m.p. 147-149°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.28 (m, 6H), 6.61-6.59 (d, *J*=8.3Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.04-4.98 (d, *J*=15.9Hz, 1H), 4.96-4.91 (d, *J*=15.9Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.4, 150.0, 142.4, 134.5, 134.1, 133.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 119.7, 116.2, 114.8, 111.8, 84.9, 78.9, 44.7, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1746, 1611, 1484, 1293, 730. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>491.0577, found: 491.0575.

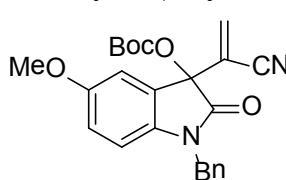
**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5-iodo-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1e)**

white solid. m.p. 145-147°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.63-7.57 (t, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.51-6.48 (d, *J*=8.2Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.03-4.98 (d, *J*=16.0Hz, 1H), 4.95-4.90 (d, *J*=16.0Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.2, 150.0, 143.1, 140.0, 134.4, 133.5, 132.4, 128.9, 127.9, 127.3, 126.9, 119.8, 114.8, 112.3, 85.8, 84.9, 78.7, 44.6, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1746, 1605, 1482, 1296, 730. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>539.0438, found: 539.0435.

**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate (1f)**

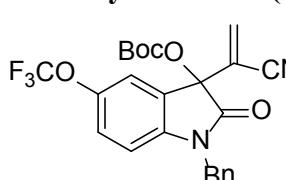
yellow solid. m.p. 162-164°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.35-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.08-7.06 (d, *J*=7.7Hz, 1H), 6.62-6.60 (d, *J*=7.6Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.05-4.99 (d, *J*=16.1Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.89 (d, *J*=16.1Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.8, 150.0, 140.9, 135.1, 133.3, 133.2, 131.5, 128.8, 127.7, 127.3, 124.6, 124.5, 120.5, 115.2, 110.0, 84.4, 79.5, 44.6, 27.6, 21.1. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1753, 1738, 1622, 1496, 1294, 730. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>427.1628, found: 427.1626.

**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate(1g)**



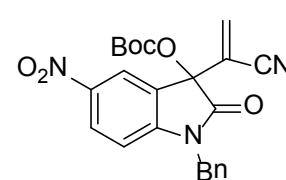
yellow solid. m.p. 114-116°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.99-6.98 (d,  $J = 2.3\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.81-6.77 (d,  $J = 78.6\text{Hz}$ ,  $J = 2.3\text{Hz}$  1H), 6.64-6.61 (d,  $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 5.05-4.99 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.93-4.88 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.6, 156.5, 150.0, 136.5, 135.1, 133.4, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 125.8, 120.4, 115.6, 115.1, 110.9, 110.9, 84.5, 79.6, 55.8, 44.6, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1757, 1724, 1606, 1497, 1287, 728. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  443.1577, found: 443.1575.

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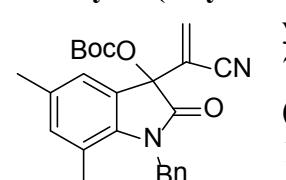
white solid. m.p. 103-105°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.36-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.73-6.71 (d,  $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.08-5.02 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.94-4.89 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.7, 150.0, 145.2 (d,  $J = 2.3\text{Hz}$ ), 142.1, 134.4, 133.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 124.3, 120.4 (d,  $J = 255.8\text{Hz}$ ), 119.6, 117.8, 114.7, 110.9, 85.0, 78.9, 44.8, 27.5. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1745, 1623, 1491, 1454, 1264, 873. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  497.1295, found: 497.1297.

**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5-nitro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate(1i)**



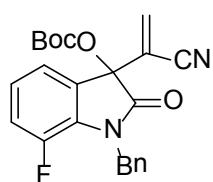
white solid. m.p. 133-135°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.26-8.23 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 5H), 6.84-6.81 (dd,  $J = 7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J = 2.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 150.1, 148.9, 144.0, 134.3, 133.8, 129.1, 128.3, 128.0, 125.7, 119.7, 118.8, 114.5, 110.2, 85.5, 78.4, 45.0, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1750, 1617, 1486, 1291, 735. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  458.1323, found: 458.1320.

**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-5,7-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate(1j)**



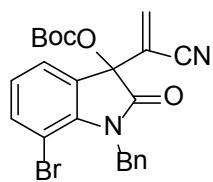
yellow solid. m.p. 160-162°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.35-7.235 (m, 5H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.7, 150.1, 138.9, 137.3, 135.7, 133.3, 133.2, 128.8, 127.2, 125.9, 125.5, 122.3, 120.9, 120.5, 115.3, 84.3, 79.1, 45.8, 27.6, 20.7, 18.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1744, 1727, 1605, 1499, 1288, 734. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  441.1785, found: 441.1782.

**1-benzyl-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-7-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate(1k)**



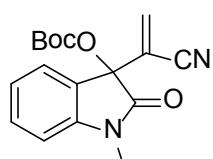
yellowsolid. m.p. 142-144 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.41-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.6, 150.0, 147.6 (d,  $J=244.5\text{Hz}$ ), 136.2, 133.8, 130.1(d,  $J=9.8\text{Hz}$ ), 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 124.4 (d,  $J=6.0\text{Hz}$ ), 119.9 (d,  $J=6.0\text{Hz}$ ), 119.7 (d,  $J=6.0\text{Hz}$ ), 119.4, 114.8, 84.8, 79.0, 46.1 (d,  $J=4.5\text{Hz}$ ), 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1754, 1631, 1476, 1286, 736. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  431.1378, found: 431.1375.

### 1-benzyl-7-bromo-3-(1-cyanovinyl)-2-oxoindolin-3-yl tert-butyl carbonate(1l)



yellow solid. m.p. 161-163 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.50-7.47 (t, 1H), 7.38-7.36 (dd,  $J = 7.4\text{Hz}$ ,  $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.33-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.03-6.98 (dd,  $J=8.1\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.52-5.46 (d,  $J=16.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.40-5.35 (d,  $J = 16.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.6, 150.0, 141.0, 137.2, 136.9, 133.9, 128.5, 127.0, 127.2, 126.4, 124.8, 122.9, 120.0, 114.9, 103.3, 84.9, 78.4, 45.4, 27.6. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1747, 1604, 1463, 1289, 730. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  491.0577, found: 491.0573.

### tert-butyl (3-(1-cyanovinyl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl) carbonate(1m)



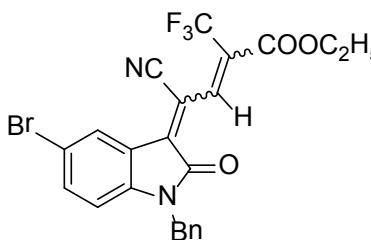
yellow solid. m.p. 113-115 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (t,  $J = 7.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.93-6.90 (d,  $J=7.8\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.7, 149.9, 144.2, 133.4, 131.4, 124.6, 123.9, 123.5, 120.2, 115.0, 109.1, 84.4, 79.2, 27.5, 26.8. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1758, 1727, 1610, 1471, 1288, 757. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  337.1158, found: 337.1155.

## 3. General procedure for phosphine-catalyzed Wittig reaction of MBH carbonate with ketone

To a solution of Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonate **1d** (0.1 mmol) in THF (1 ml) was added  $\text{PPh}_3$  (1.2 equiv) under Ar at room temperature, then 3, 3, 3-trifluoropyruvate **2a** (0.2 mmol, 25  $\mu\text{l}$ ) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. After concentrated by vacuum, the resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 14: 1) to afford the desired product

### Ethyl-4-(1-benzyl-5-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-cyano-2-(trifluoromethyl)-but-2-enoate(3)

red solid.(one isomer). yield 45%.m.p. 141-143 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.37-8.36 (d,  $J=1.5\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 8.28-8.27 (d,  $J=1.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.40-7.37 (dd,  $J=8.4\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=2.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.29-7.17 (m, 5H), 6.581-6.56 (d,  $J=8.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.39-4.32



(q,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ ), 1.33-1.29 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 164.7, 161.1, 143.9, 137.5, 136.9, 134.2, 131.9 (q,  $J=6.8\text{Hz}$ ), 129.9 (q,  $J=32.3\text{Hz}$ ), 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 121.4 (q,  $J=272.3\text{Hz}$ ), 120.9, 116.3, 113.9, 111.4, 110.4, 62.9, 43.9, 13.9. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2217, 1732, 1710, 1602, 1474, 1181, 1138. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 527.0188, found: 527.0189.

red solid(another isomer). yield 24%. m.p. 144-146°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.35 (d,  $J=1.8\text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 7.50-7.46 (dd,  $J=8.4\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=1.8\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 5H), 6.67-6.64 (d,  $J=8.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.43-4.36 (q,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ ), 1.41-1.37 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 164.4, 161.4, 161.3, 143.9, 144.2, 137.6, 137.5, 137.5, 137.0, 134.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2(q,  $J=32.3\text{Hz}$ ), 127.3, 121.2(q,  $J=271.5\text{Hz}$ ), 120.6, 116.3, 111.5, 108.8, 62.7, 44.0, 14.0. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2221, 1726, 1710, 1602, 1470, 1173, 1149. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 527.0188, found: 527.0189.

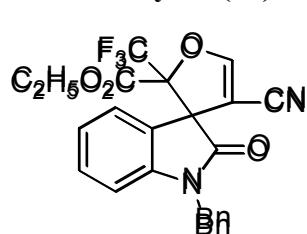
#### 4.General procedure for racemic products of [3+2] annulation of MBH carbonates with ketones

To a solution of Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonate**1** (0.2 mmol, 78 mg) in EtOAc(1 ml) was added 3, 3, 3-trifluoropyruvate**2** (0.4 mmol, 50  $\mu\text{l}$ ) at -40°C. After 5minutes, DABCO (0.04mmol, 5mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1-3h till completion as judged by TLC. Then, the mixturewas purified by column chromatographyover silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 10~14: 1) to afford the desired racemic product **4**.

#### 5. General procedure for tertiary amine-catalyzed enantioselective [3+2] annulation of MBH carbonates with ketones

To a solution of Morita-Baylis-Hillman carbonate**1**(0.1 mmol, 39 mg) in 1 ml of EtOAc was added 3, 3, 3-trifluoropyruvate**2** (0.2 mmol, 25 $\mu\text{l}$ ) at -40°C. After 5 minutes, catalyst **5f** (0.02mmol, 9 mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1-3h till completion as judged by TLC. Then, the mixtures was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 10~14: 1) to afford the desired product **4**.

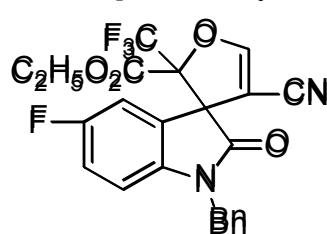
#### Ethyl1'-benzyl-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(**4a**)



white solid. yield 94%, dr 19:1, ee 97%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}=+83.7$  (*c* 0.92, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 104-106°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.03-6.71 (d,  $J=8.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.31-5.26 (d,  $J=15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.74-4.69 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.94-3.83 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H),

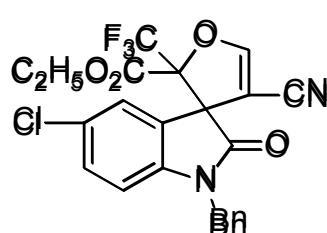
3.67-3.56 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 0.72-0.67 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.6, 161.0, 159.6, 142.6, 134.7, 131.4, 131.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.2, 124.6, 123.4, 121.0 (q,  $J=286.5\text{Hz}$ ), 110.8, 109.9, 94.7 (q,  $J=31.5\text{Hz}$ ), 93.9, 63.6, 60.7, 44.7, 13.1. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2232, 1763, 1734, 1640, 1489, 1148. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  443.1213, found: 443.1213. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $t_R = 23.1$  min (minor), 36.8 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5'-fluoro-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4b)**



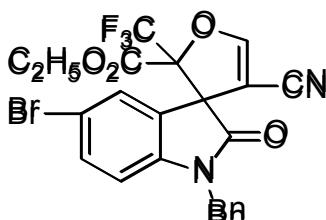
white solid. yield 93%, dr 14:1, ee 96%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +72.0$  ( $c$  0.86,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 132-134 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.02-6.95 (td,  $J=9.0\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=2.7\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.86-6.83 (dd,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=2.7\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.74-6.63 (d,  $J=8.7\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=4.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.27-5.22 (d,  $J=15.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.75-4.70 (d,  $J = 15.6\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.03-3.92 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=6.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.83-3.71 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=6.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 0.83-0.78 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.3, 160.7, 159.8, 159.2 (d,  $J=255.8\text{Hz}$ ), 138.6 (d,  $J=2.3\text{Hz}$ ), 134.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.1, 126.0 (d,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ ), 120.9 (q,  $J=286.5\text{Hz}$ ), 117.9 (d,  $J=23.5\text{Hz}$ ), 112.9 (d,  $J=26.3\text{Hz}$ ), 110.8 (d,  $J=7.5\text{Hz}$ ), 110.5, 94.3 (q,  $J=31.5\text{Hz}$ ), 93.5, 63.8, 60.9, 44.9, 13.18. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2231, 1762, 1732, 1635, 1493, 1149. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  461.1120, found: 461.1119. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $t_R = 14.5$  min (minor), 26.5 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-5'-chloro-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4c)**



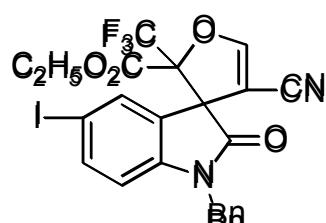
white solid. yield 91%, dr 12:1, ee 93%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +76.5$  ( $c$  1.00,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 163-165 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.07-7.06 (d,  $J=1.5\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 6.66-6.63 (d,  $J=8.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.26-5.21 (d,  $J=15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.77-4.71 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.04-3.93 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.85-3.74 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 0.86-0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.1, 160.9, 159.8, 141.1, 134.1, 131.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.1, 126.2, 125.0, 121.0 (q,  $J=286.5\text{Hz}$ ), 111.0, 110.5, 94.3 (q,  $J=33.0\text{Hz}$ ), 93.5, 63.9, 60.9, 44.9, 13.2. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2230, 1763, 1734, 1635, 1483, 1175. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  477.0823, found: 477.0824. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>,  $t_R = 15.4$  min (minor), 36.4 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-5'-bromo-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4d)**



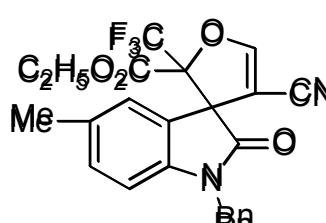
white solid. yield 86%, dr 17:1, ee 95%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +64.4$  (*c* 0.9,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 184–186 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.26 (m, 6H), 7.20–7.19 (d, *J*=1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.61–6.58 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25–5.20 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.77–4.71 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.93 (dq, *J*=10.5 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.75 (dq, *J*=10.5 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.87–0.82 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.1, 160.9, 159.9, 141.6, 134.2, 134.1, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 120.9 (q, *J*=286.5 Hz), 115.9, 111.5, 110.5, 94.3, (q, *J*=31.5 Hz), 93.5, 63.9, 60.6, 44.9, 13.3. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2230, 1764, 1735, 1635, 1481, 1158. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  521.0319, found: 521.0318. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R$  = 15.6 min (minor), 24.0 min (major)].

### Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5'-iodo-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4e)



white solid. yield 95%, dr >20:1, ee 97%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +43.8$  (*c* 1.20,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 183–185 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.60–7.56 (dd, *J*=8.1 Hz, *J*=1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 6H), 6.50–6.47 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23–5.18 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76–4.71 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.93 (dq, *J*=10.8 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86–3.76 (dq, *J*=10.8 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.89–0.84 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 167.8, 160.0, 158.8, 141.3, 139.1, 133.0, 132.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.0, 125.7, 119.8 (q, *J*=285.8 Hz), 110.9, 109.5, 93.3 (q, *J*=32.3 Hz), 92.5, 84.2, 62.9, 59.4, 43.8, 12.31. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2231, 1767, 1743, 1634, 1480, 1158. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{IN}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  569.0179, found: 569.0179. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R$  = 18.8 min (minor), 23.8 min (major)].

### Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5'-methyl-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4f)



white solid. yield 85%, dr 17:1, ee 94%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +71.8$  (*c* 0.78,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 164–166 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.18 (m, 5H), 6.99–6.96 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.53–6.50 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19–5.14 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66–4.60 (d, *J*=15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87–3.76 (dq, *J*=10.8 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.52 (dq, *J*=10.8 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.66–0.62 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.5, 161.1, 159.3, 140.2, 134.8, 133.2, 131.6, 128.9, 127.9, 127.1, 125.3, 124.6, 121.0 (q, *J*=286.5 Hz), 110.9, 109.7, 94.4 (q, *J*=31.5 Hz), 93.8, 63.5, 60.7, 44.7, 20.9, 13.1. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2230, 1764, 1730, 1637, 1499, 1153. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  457.1371, found: 457.1370. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R$  = 14.0 min

(minor), 21.9 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5'-methoxy-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4g)**

white solid. yield 81%, dr 14:1, ee 97%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +68.4$  (*c* 0.76, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 158–160 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.27 (t, 5H), 6.80–6.76 (dd, *J*=8.7 Hz, *J*=2.4 Hz 1H), 6.67–6.66 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.62–6.59 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.27–5.22 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.72–4.67 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96–3.88 (dq, *J*=10.8 Hz, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.66 (m, 4H), 0.77–0.73 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 169.2, 161.1, 159.4, 156.4, 135.8, 134.7, 128.9, 128.0, 127.1, 125.6, 121.0 (q, *J*=286.5 Hz), 116.0, 111.6, 110.8, 110.5, 94.4 (q, *J*=31.5 Hz), 94.1, 63.6, 60.0, 55.9, 44.8, 13.1. IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2228, 1764, 1731, 1626, 1497, 1165. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 473.1321, found: 473.1319. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.3 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, t<sub>R</sub> = 16.9 min (minor), 52.3 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-2'-oxo-5'-(trifluoromethoxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4h)**

white solid. yield 89%, dr 9:1, ee 96%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +85.7$  (*c* 0.56, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 112–114 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.17–7.15 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.74–6.71 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.27 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.75–4.69 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.89 (dq, *J*=10.5 Hz, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.67 (dq, *J*=10.5 Hz, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 0.81–0.76 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 169.3, 161.1, 159.9, 144.9, 144.9, 141.3, 134.0, 129.1, 128.2, 127.1, 126.0, 125.5, 125.1, 124.6, 122.7, 122.1, 120.7 (q, *J*=286.5 Hz), 120.3 (q, *J*=256.5 Hz), 118.7, 94.4 (q, *J*=31.5 Hz), 93.4, 63.7, 60.6, 44.9, 13.1. IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2231, 1764, 1745, 1635, 1498, 1152. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 527.1039, found: 527.1036. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, t<sub>R</sub> = 10.0 min (minor), 11.8 min (major)].

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5'-nitro-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4i)**

white solid. yield 90%, dr 17:1, ee 96%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +83.6$  (*c* 0.86, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 132–134 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.26–8.22 (dd, *J*=9.0 Hz, *J*=2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00–7.99 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 6.86–6.84 (d, *J*=8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.30–5.24 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88–4.23 (d, *J*=15.9 Hz, 1H),

4.03-3.93 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.86-3.75 (dq,  $J=10.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 0.92-0.87 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.6, 160.8, 160.6, 148.0, 143.7, 133.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.1, 127.1, 125.6, 120.8(q,  $J=286.5\text{Hz}$ ), 120.4, 110.2, 109.9, 94.2 (q,  $J=30.0\text{Hz}$ ), 92.9, 64.1, 60.4, 45.2 14.3. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2229, 1746, 1621, 1605, 1489, 1335, 1151. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  488.1064, found: 488.1064. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R = 35.4$  min (minor), 40.8 min (major)].

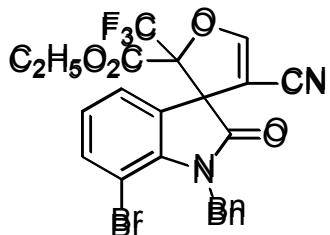
**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-5',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4j)**

white solid. yield 95%, dr > 20:1, ee 96%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}=+74.5$  ( $c$  0.94,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 138-140 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.41-5.35 (d,  $J=17.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.12-5.07 (d,  $J=17.1\text{Hz}$ , 1H) 4.74-4.69 (d,  $J = 15.9\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.03-3.92 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.82-3.71 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 2.24 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 1H), 0.92-0.87 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.5, 161.2, 159.1, 138.2, 136.5, 135.7, 133.1, 128.9, 127.4, 125.5, 125.4, 123.2, 121.0(q,  $J=285.7\text{Hz}$ ), 120.4, 111.0, 94.6 (q,  $J=30.7\text{Hz}$ ), 94.6, 63.6, 60.4, 45.9, 20.6, 18.4, 13.3. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2227, 1765, 1743, 1638, 1482, 1162. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  471.1529, found: 471.1526. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R = 33.7$  min (minor), 52.5 min (major)]

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-7'-fluoro-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4k)**

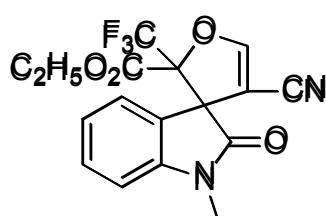
white solid. yield 76%, dr > 20:1, ee 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}=+73.1$  ( $c$  0.70,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 150-1152 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.10-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (dd,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=1.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 5.28-5.23 (d,  $J=15.3\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 4.74-4.69 (d,  $J = 15.3\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.95-3.84 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.72-3.61 (dq,  $J=10.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $J=7.2\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 0.72-0.67 (t,  $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$ , 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.2, 160.8, 159.6, 147.1 (d,  $J=254.3\text{Hz}$ ), 135.8, 129.4 (d,  $J=9.8\text{Hz}$ ), 128.7, 127.9, 127.3 (d,  $J=3.3\text{Hz}$ ), 127.3, 124.2 (d,  $J=6.0\text{Hz}$ ), 120.9(q,  $J=287.3\text{Hz}$ ), 120.6 (d,  $J=3.8\text{Hz}$ ), 119.5 (d,  $J=19.5\text{Hz}$ ), 110.5, 94.5 (q,  $J=31.5\text{Hz}$ ), 93.9, 63.7, 60.7 (d,  $J=2.3\text{Hz}$ ), 46.3 (d,  $J=4.5\text{Hz}$ ), 13.1. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2227, 1769, 1724, 1635, 1488, 1153. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  461.1120, found: 461.1119. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25°C, 1.0  $\text{mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ ,  $t_R = 14.4$  min (minor), 25.9 min (major)]

**Ethyl 1'-benzyl-7'-bromo-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4l)**



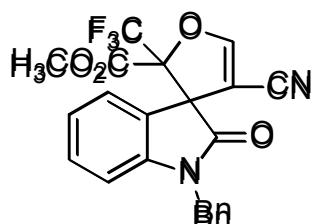
white solid. yield 89%, dr > 20:1, ee 99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +72.9$  (*c* 0.92,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 137–139 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.05–7.02 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.92 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.54–5.49 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.46–5.41 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 4.03–3.92 (dq, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81–3.70 (dq, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.92–0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.3, 160.8, 159.6, 140.4, 137.3, 136.2, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 120.8 (q, *J* = 287.3 Hz), 110.5, 103.0, 94.8 (q, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 94.8, 63.9, 60.3, 45.6, 13.4. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2232, 1774, 1734, 1636, 1464, 1153. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  521.0324, found: 521.0328. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>* = 15.2 min (minor), 51.5 min (major)].

### Ethyl 4-cyano-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2-carboxylate(4m)



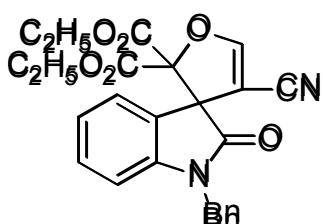
white solid. yield 89%, dr 10:1, ee 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +113.0$  (*c* 0.66,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 169–171 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.05–6.98 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.82 (dq, *J* = 10.2 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68–3.57 (dq, *J* = 10.2 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 1H), 0.81–0.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.5, 161.1, 159.6, 143.6, 124.6, 124.1, 123.3, 120.9 (q, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 110.7, 108.8, 94.3 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 93.6, 63.5, 60.8, 27.3, 13.2. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2232, 1761, 1726, 1639, 1472, 1151. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  367.0903, found: 367.0900. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>* = 21.1 min (minor), 22.4 min (major)].

### Methyl 1'-benzyl-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-spiro[furan-3,3'-indolin]-2-carboxylate(4n)



white solid. yield 85%, dr 12:1, ee 95%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +112.0$  (*c* 0.70,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). m.p. 156–158 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.27–7.15 (m, 6H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.64–6.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18–5.13 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.74–4.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 168.4, 160.6, 158.5, 141.5, 133.5, 130.4, 127.9, 126.9, 126.0, 123.4, 123.4, 122.3, 119.9 (q, *J* = 286.5 Hz), 109.7, 109.0, 93.6 (q, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 92.8, 59.8, 52.5, 43.7. IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (KBr, film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2236, 1771, 1739, 1636, 1489, 1226, 1155. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  429.1060, found: 429.1057. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, *t<sub>R</sub>* = 19.8 min (minor), 31.8 min (major)].

**Diethyl-1'-benzyl-4-cyano-2'-oxo-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-2,2-dicarboxylate (4o)**

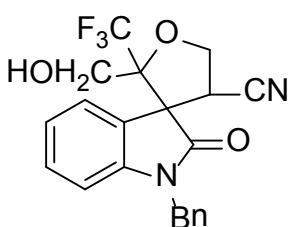


white solid. yield 99%, ee 94%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +35.6$  (*c* 0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 118–120 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 6H), 7.13–7.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08–5.03 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93–4.88 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.38–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.14–4.03 (dq, *J* = 10.7 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97–3.87 (dq, *J* = 10.7 Hz, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.28–1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.94–0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 172.4, 163.4, 163.0, 143.1, 134.7, 130.8, 128.9, 127.8, 127.1, 124.2, 123.4, 111.5, 110.2, 95.3, 93.6, 63.5, 63.1, 62.3, 44.5, 13.8, 13.5. IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2224, 1751, 1719, 1621, 1469, 1163. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 447.1152, found: 447.1151. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 1.2 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, t<sub>R</sub> = 40.4 min (minor), 62.6 min (major)].

## 6. The procedure for the reduction of product 4a

Under N<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C, to **4a** (0.1 mmol) and LiBH<sub>4</sub> (0.4 mmol) was added dry THF (2 ml) and dry ethanol (0.1 mmol). After 10 min, the temperature was allowed to room temperature and the mixture was stirring for overnight. One equivalent of water was added and the mixture was concentrated and extracted with DCM. The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (gradient: petroleum ether / EtOAc = 6:1) to afford the desired product **5**.

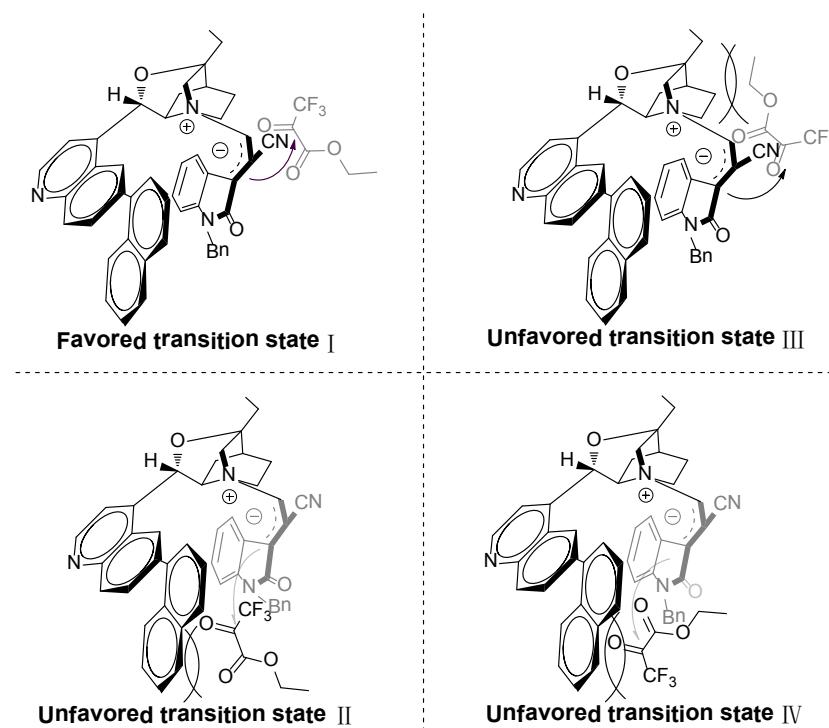
**1'-benzyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2'-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydro-2H-spiro[furan-3,3'-indoline]-4-carbonitrile (5)**



white solid. yield 45%, 96% ee.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +90.6$  (*c* 0.27, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). m.p. 131–132 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ: 7.82–7.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.18–7.13 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.28–6.24 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 4.79–4.60 (m, 3H), 3.86–3.80 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71–3.66 (dd, *J* = 11.6 Hz, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) δ: 172.3, 143.4, 135.5, 130.2, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 125.9, 123.7 (q, *J* = 257 Hz) 123.1, 122.2, 116.7, 109.7, 88.1 (q, *J* = 88.1 Hz), 69.8, 61.9, 59.7, 43.1, 37.8. IR ν<sub>max</sub> (KBr, film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1710, 1698, 1470, 1337, 1162, 762. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 403.1264, found: 403.1262. HPLC analysis [Chiralcel AD, n-hexane/ i-propanol (90:10), 25 °C, 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>, t<sub>R</sub> = 15.6 min (minor), 25.1 min (major)].

## 7. Plausible catalytic transitional state

The N-allylic ylide intermediate could be stabilized by electron-withdraw cyano group. The *Si*-face of the 1, 3-dipole would be well blocked by quinoline moiety and naphthyl ring of the catalyst, resulting in the approach of trifluoropyruvate to the N-allylic ylide from *Re*-face (**I** and **III**). In addition, because of steric hindrance between quinuclidine cycle of the catalyst and ester group of trifluoropyruvate, transition state **III** is also unfavored. The group at C-6' position played an important role in stereoselective control. Steric hinder 1-naphthyl group at C-6' position may improve the steric hindrance between ester group of trifluoropyruvate and quinuclidine cycle of the catalyst resulting in the increase of diastereoselectivity



Unfavored transition state **II**: Steric hindrance between trifluoropyruvate and the aryl of the catalyst

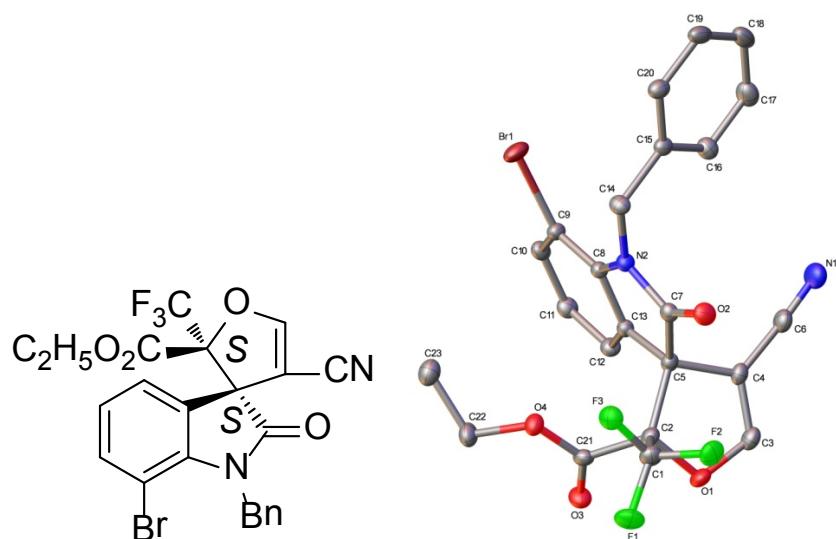
Unfavored transition state **III**: Steric hindrance between ester group of trifluoropyruvate and quinuclidine cycle of the catalyst

Unfavored transition state **IV**: Steric hindrance between trifluoropyruvate and the aryl of the catalyst

## 8. X-ray crystallography of **4l** compound

Crystals of **4l** suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained from ether (CCDC 934201)

The molecular structure of the annulation product **4l** was further confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis, which showed that the absolute configurations of two newly created chiral centers were (*S, S*).



Identification code

**a**

Empirical formula

C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

Formula weight 521.29

Temperature 173(2) K

Wavelength 0.71073 Å

Crystal system, space group

Orthorhombic, P2(1)2(1)2(1)

Unit cell dimensions a = 8.0616(16) Å

alpha = 90 deg.

b = 10.147(2) Å beta = 90 deg.

c = 26.551(5) Å gamma = 90 deg.

Volume 2171.8(7) Å<sup>3</sup>

Z, Calculated density

4, 1.594 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Absorption coefficient 1.952 mm<sup>-1</sup>

F(000) 1048

Crystal size 0.46 x 0.34 x 0.32 mm

Theta range for data collection 3.05 to 27.47 deg.

Limiting indices

-10 <= h <= 10, -12 <= k <= 13, -34 <= l <= 32

Reflections collected / unique 14343 / 4940 [R(int) = 0.0379]

Completeness to theta = 27.47 99.5 %

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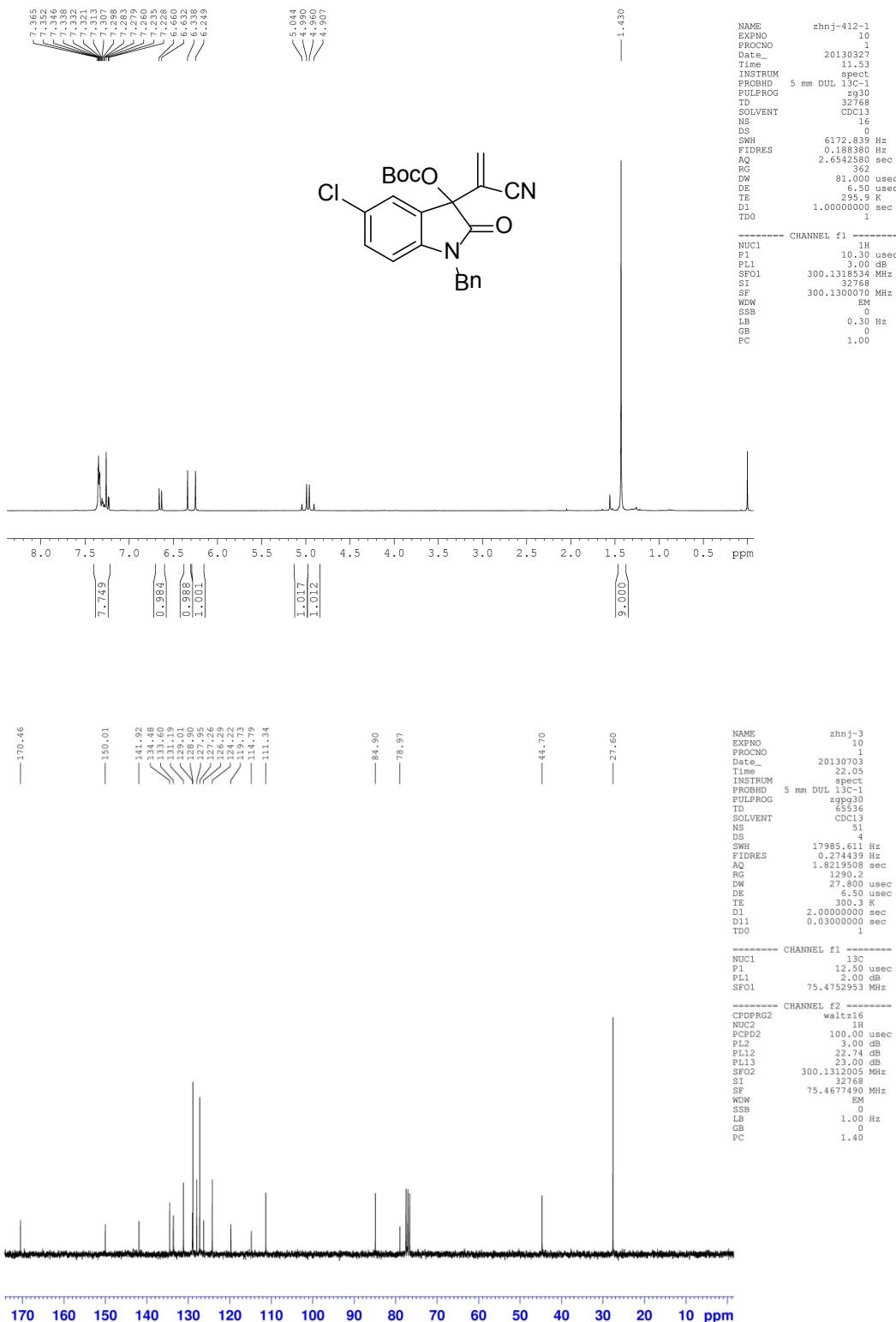
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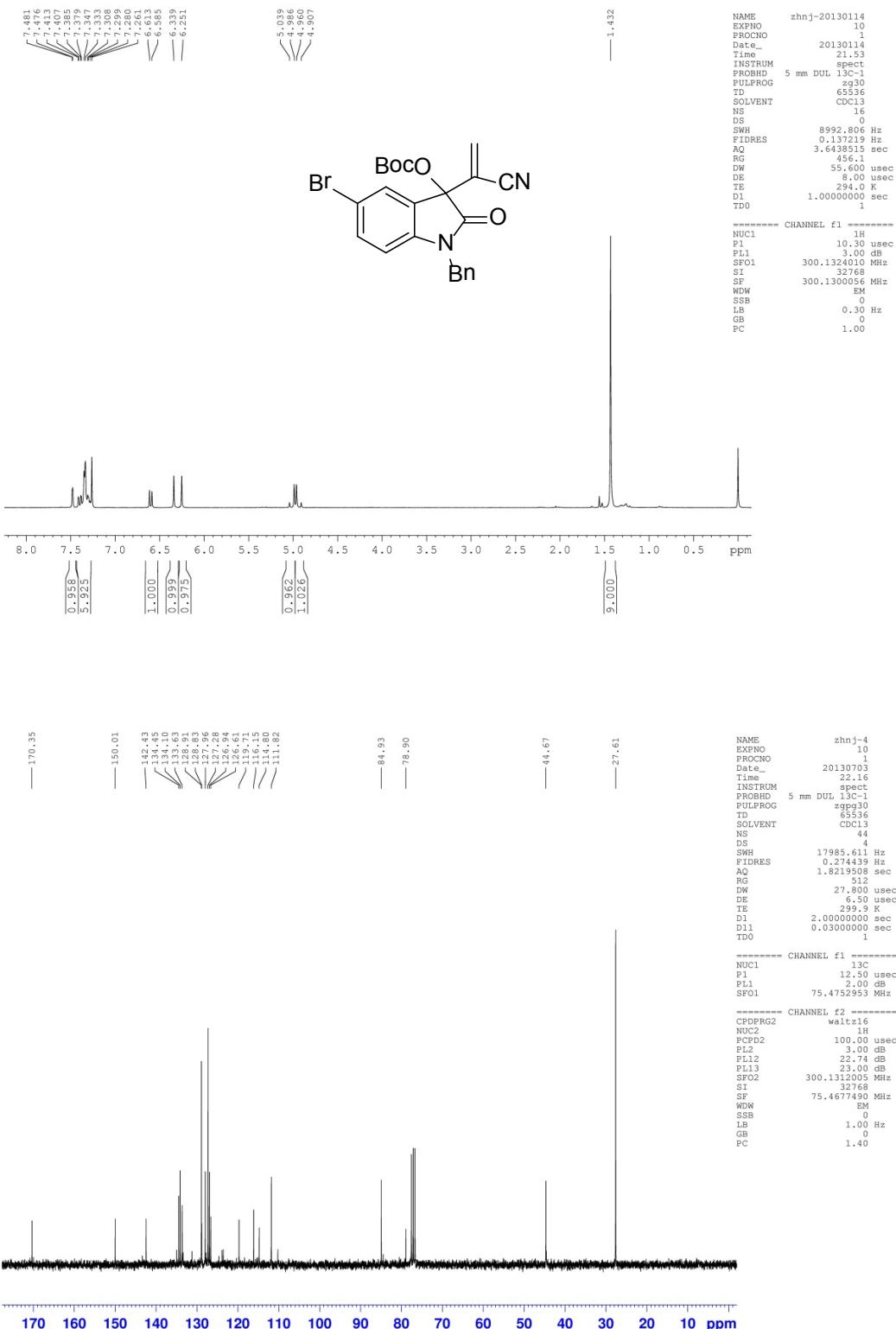
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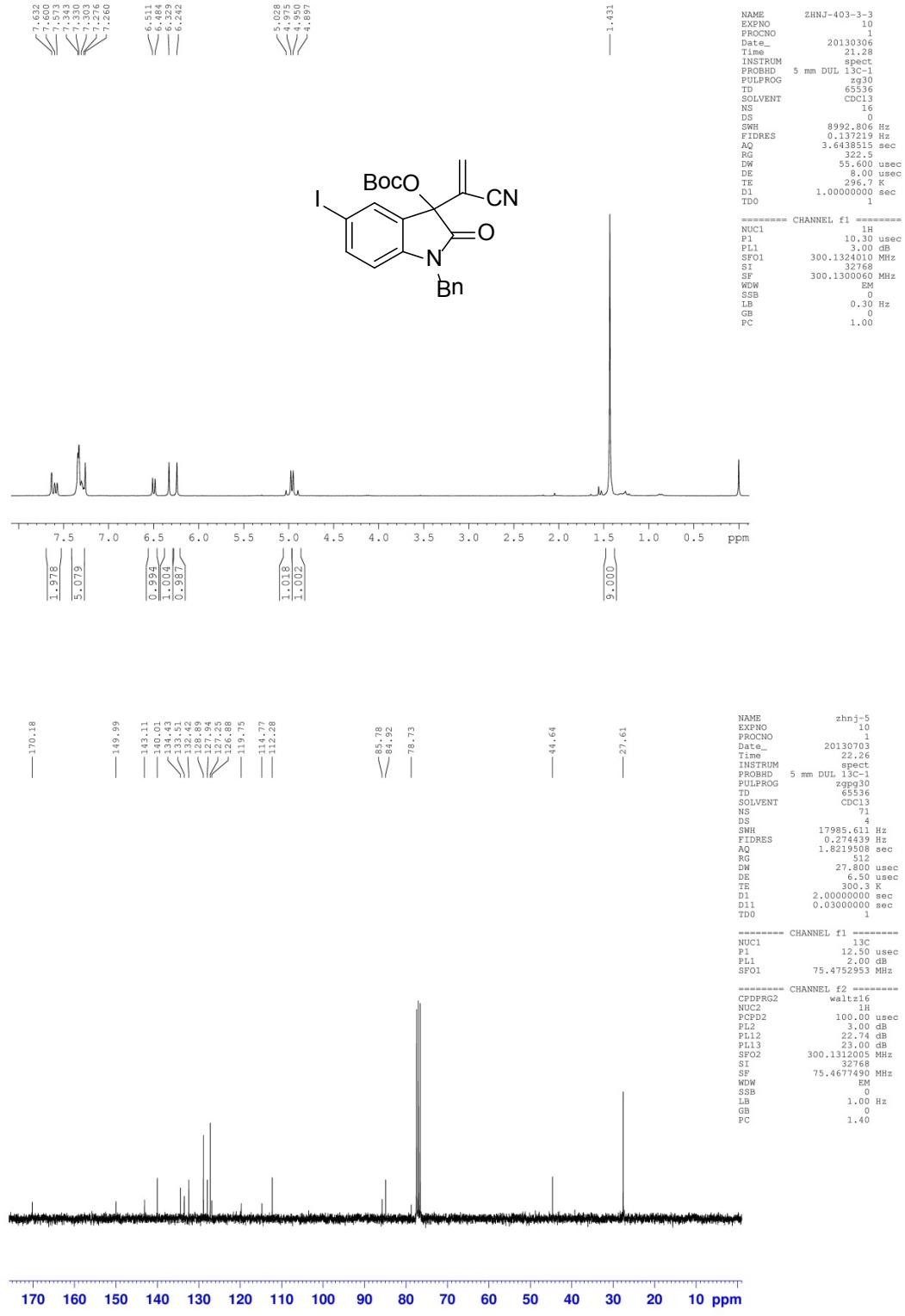
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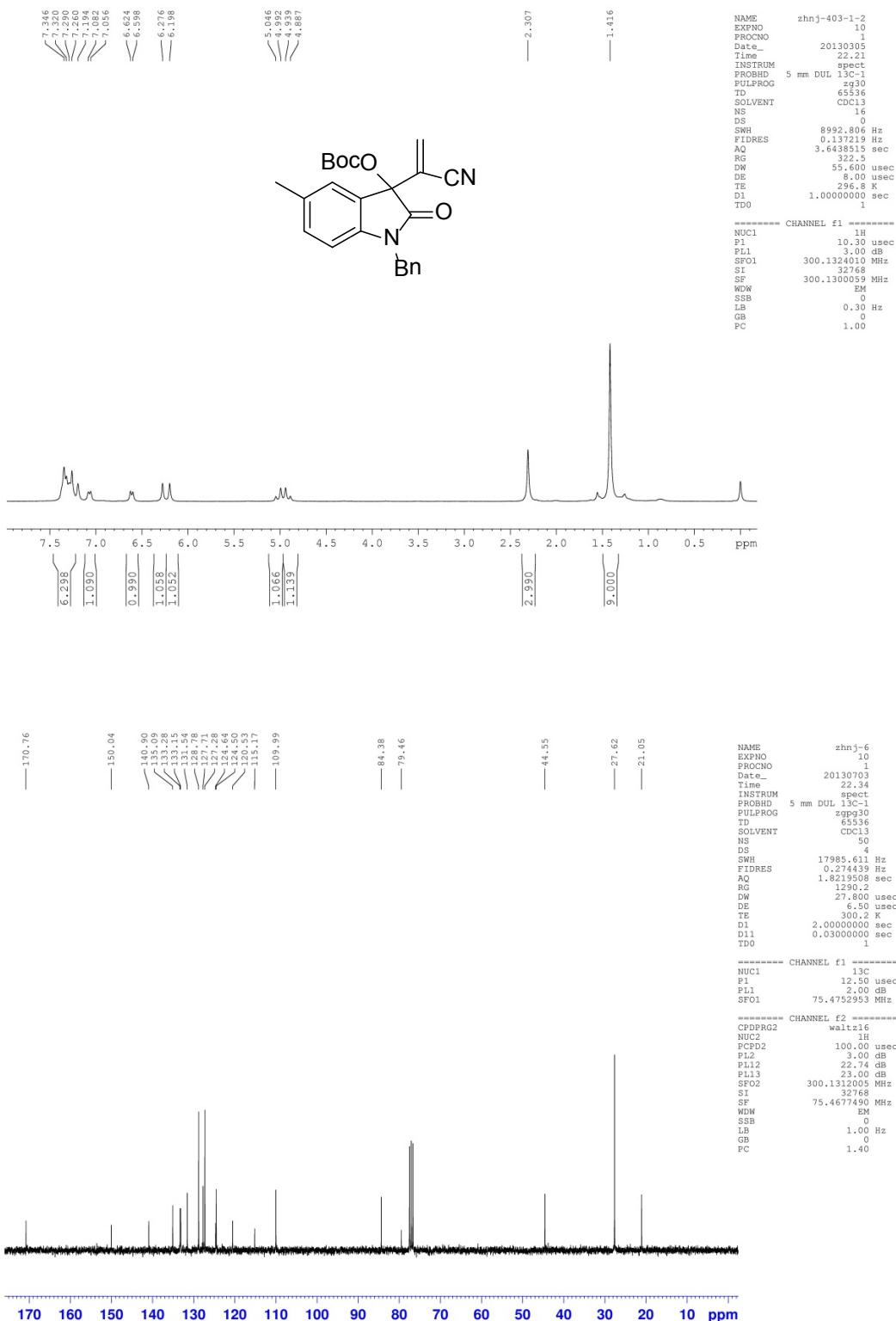


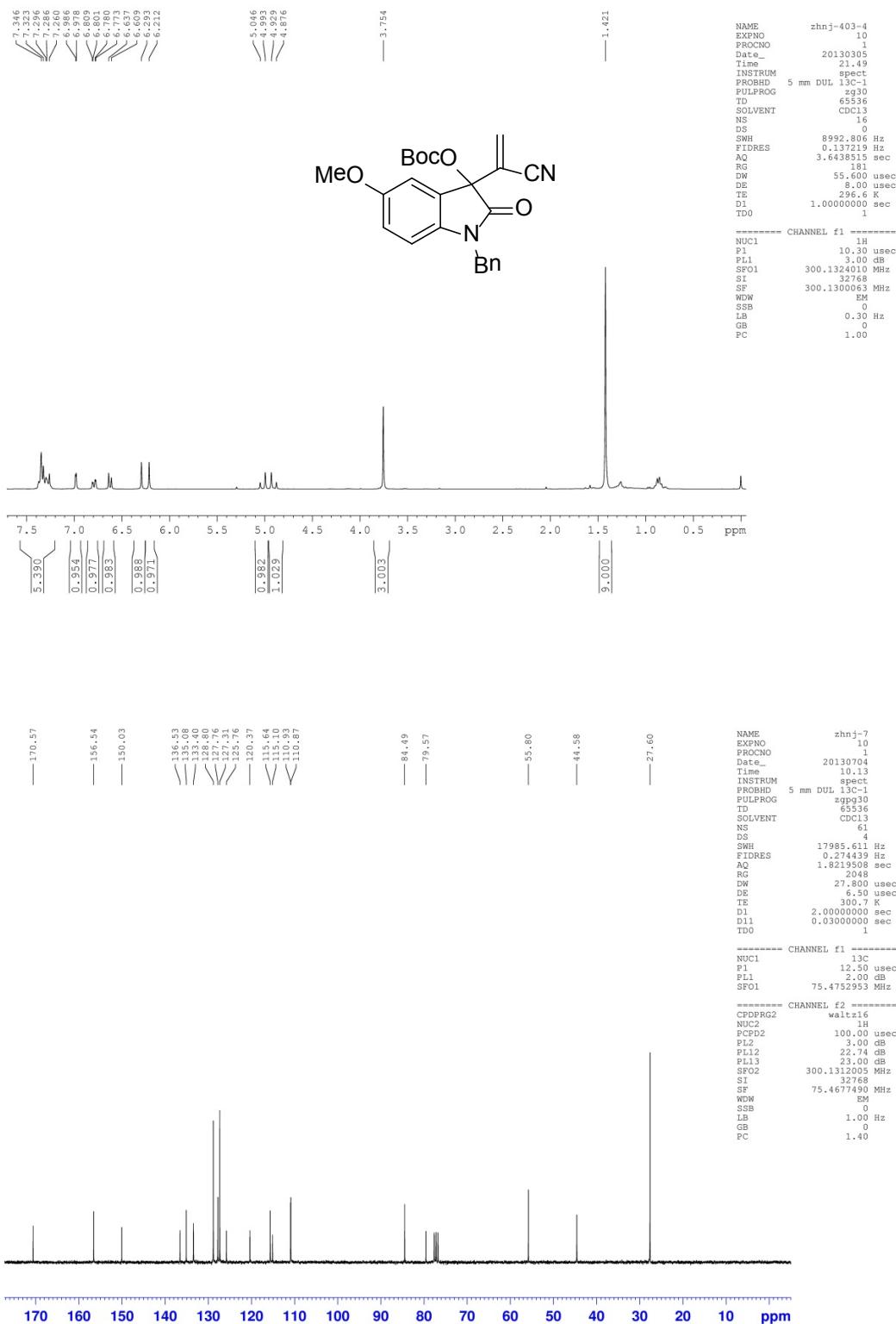


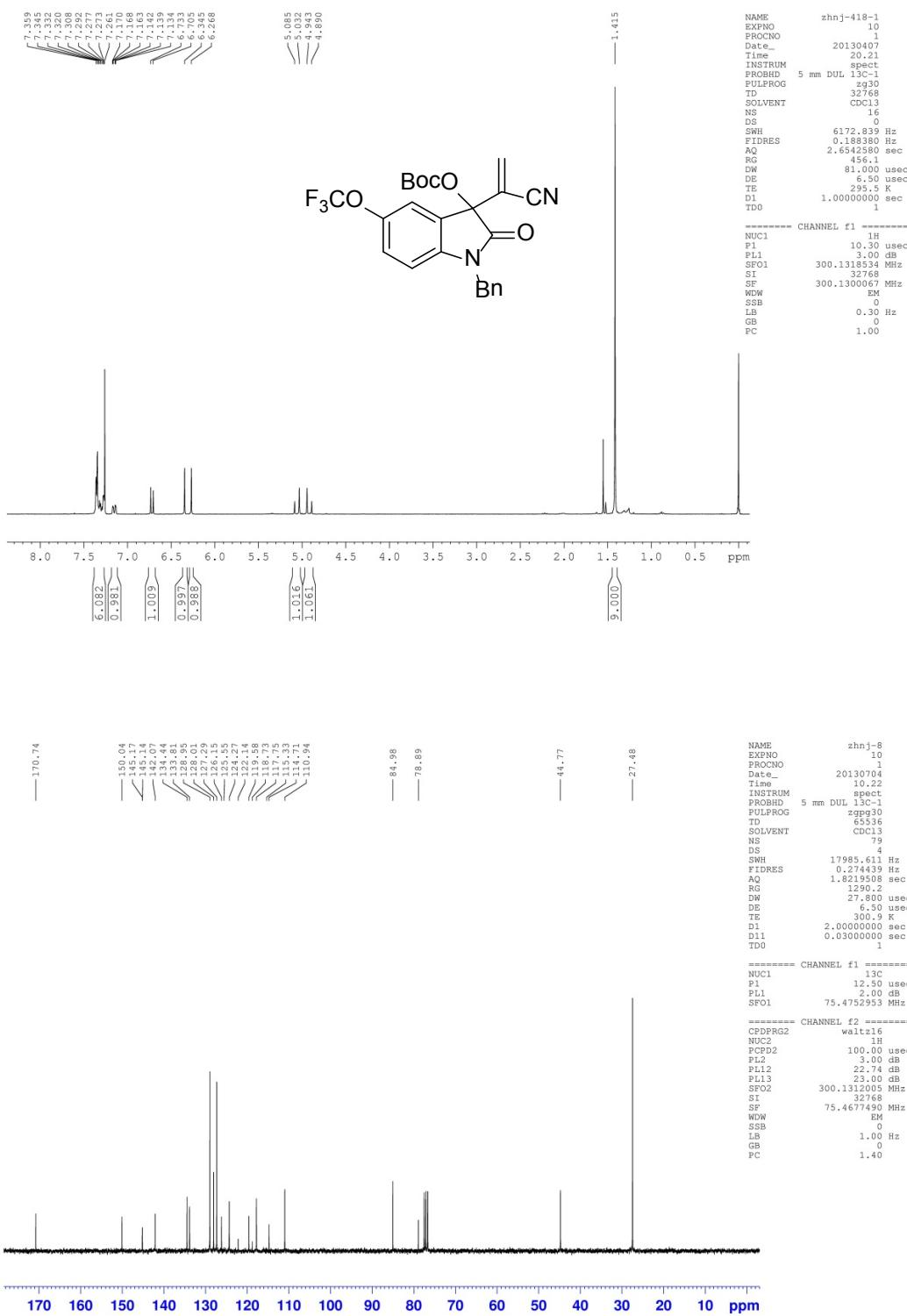


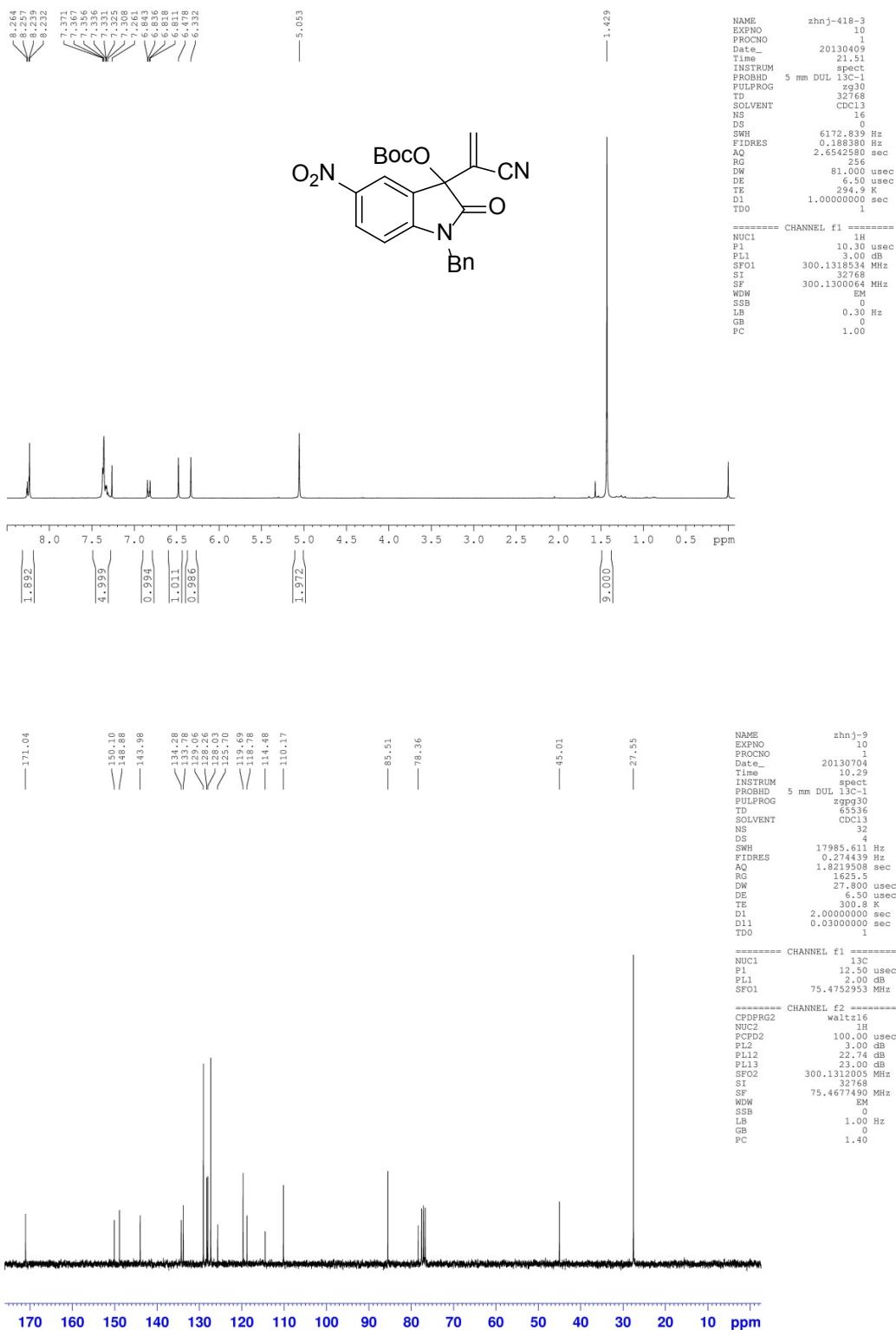






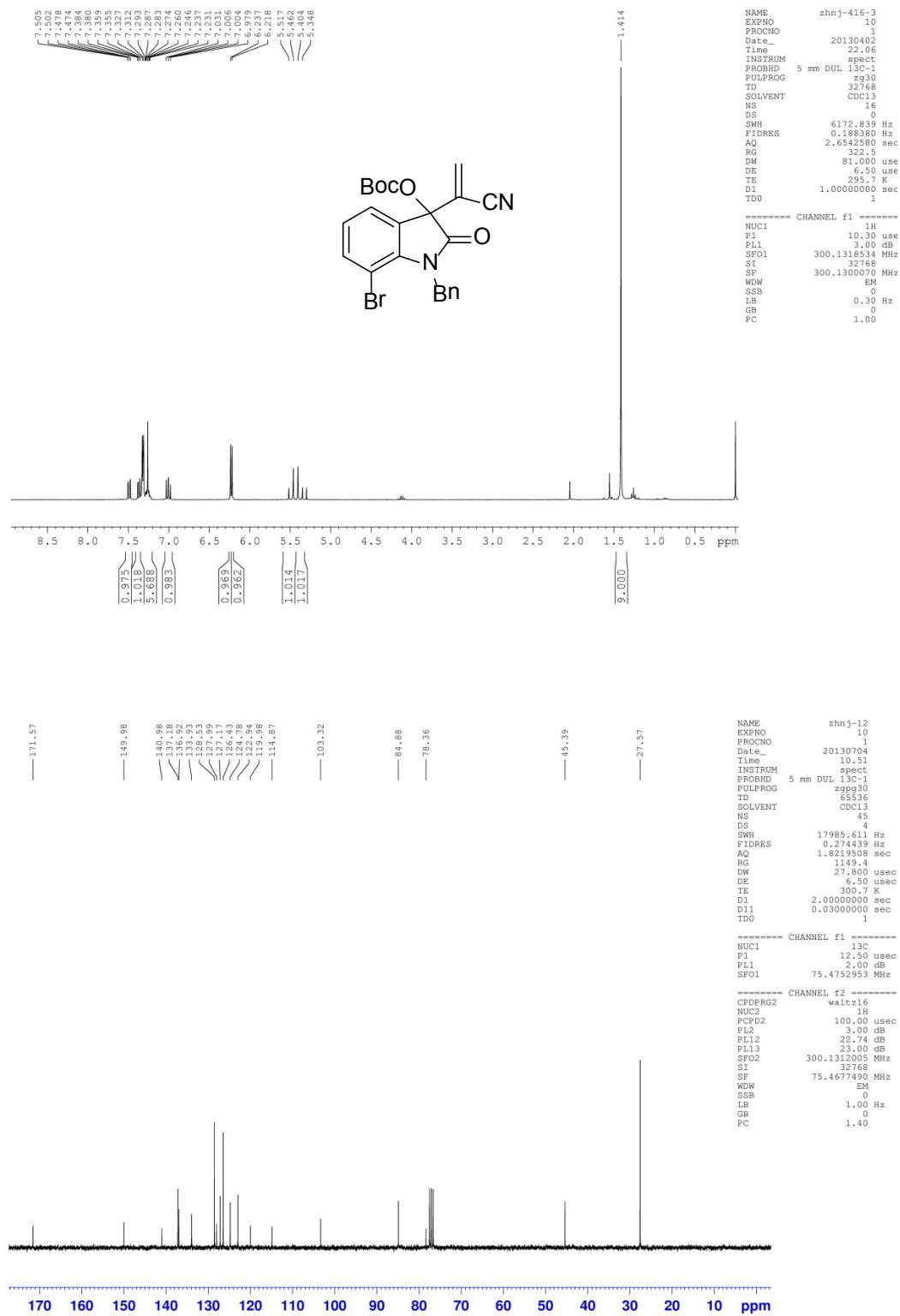


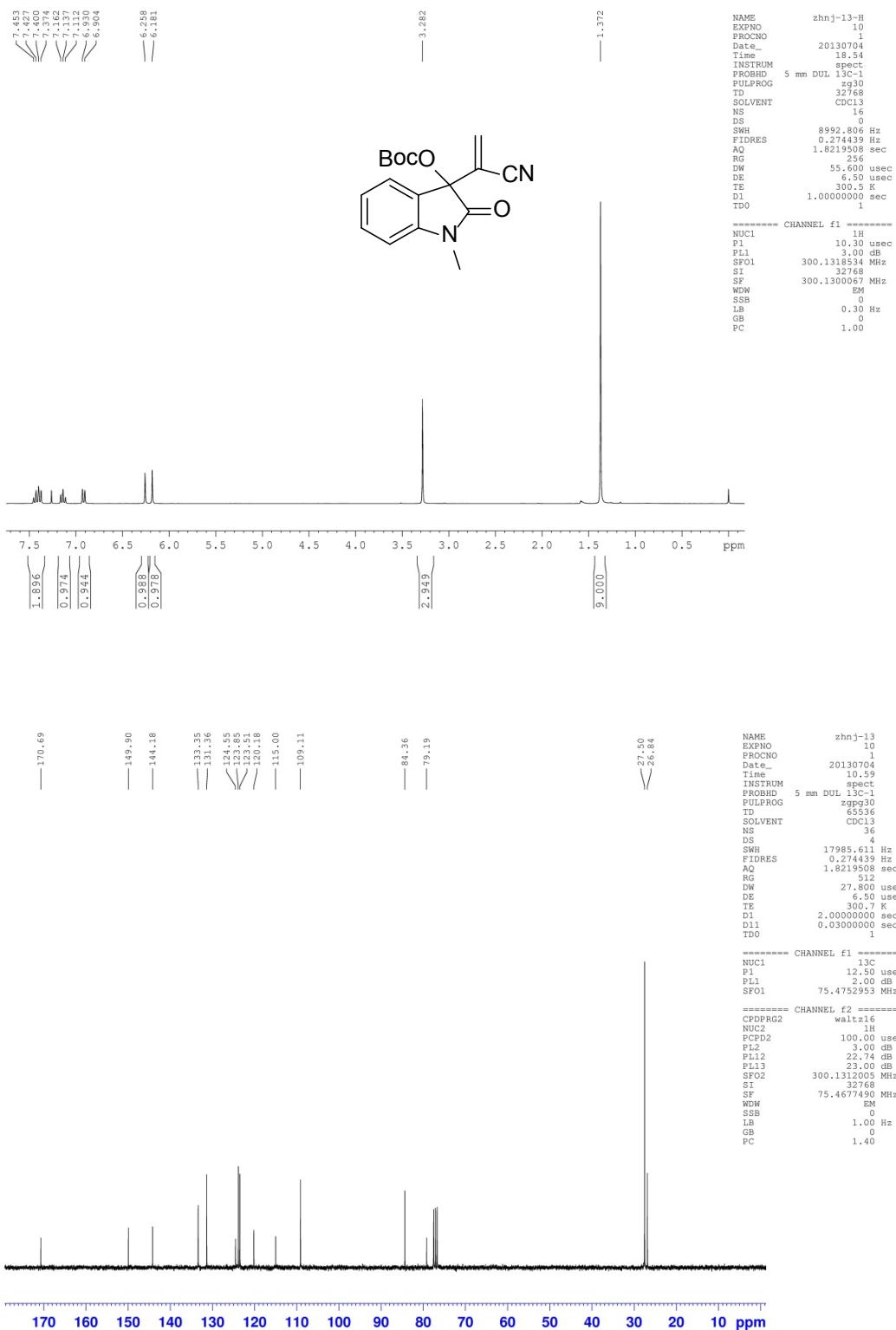






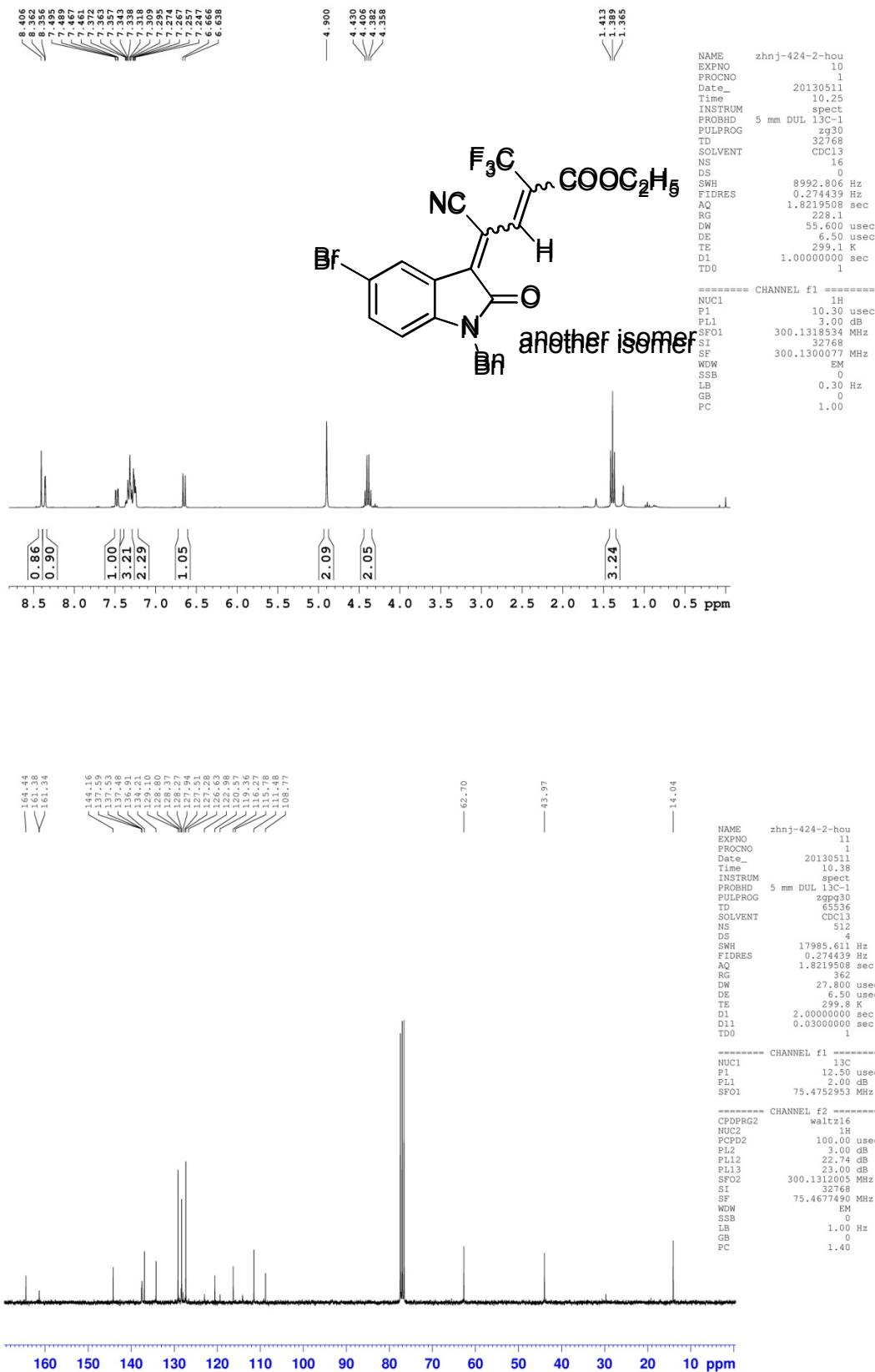






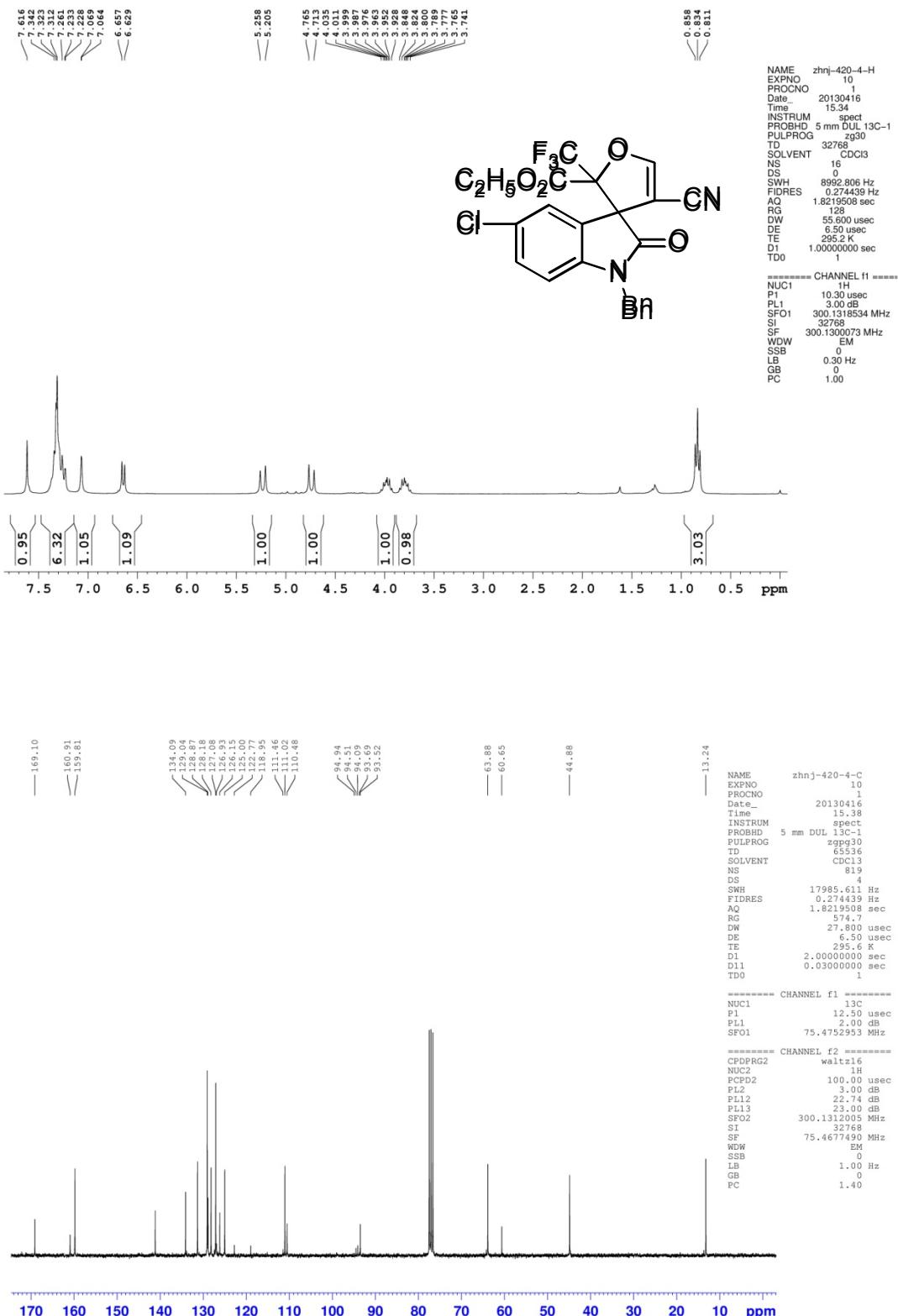
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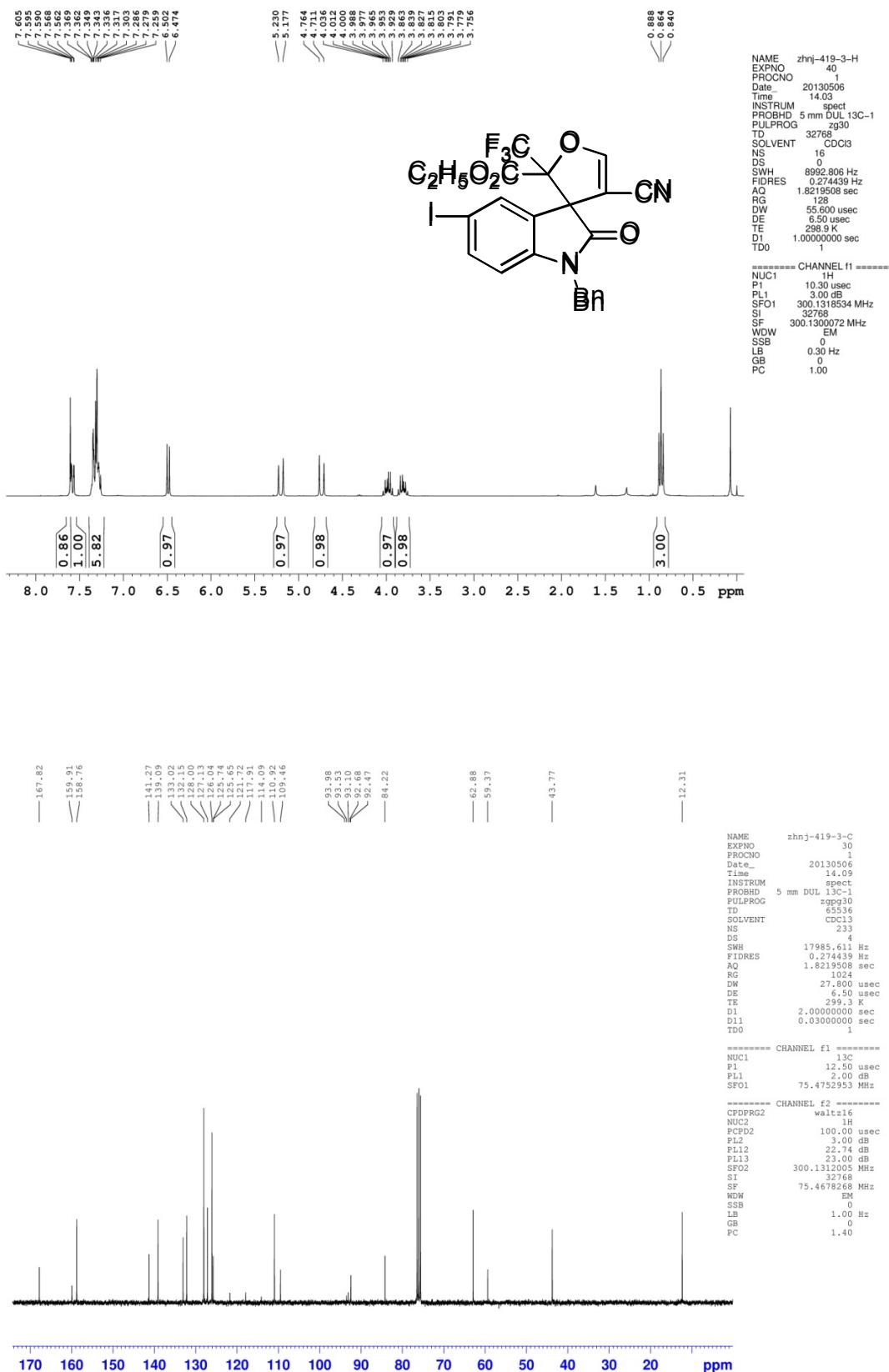


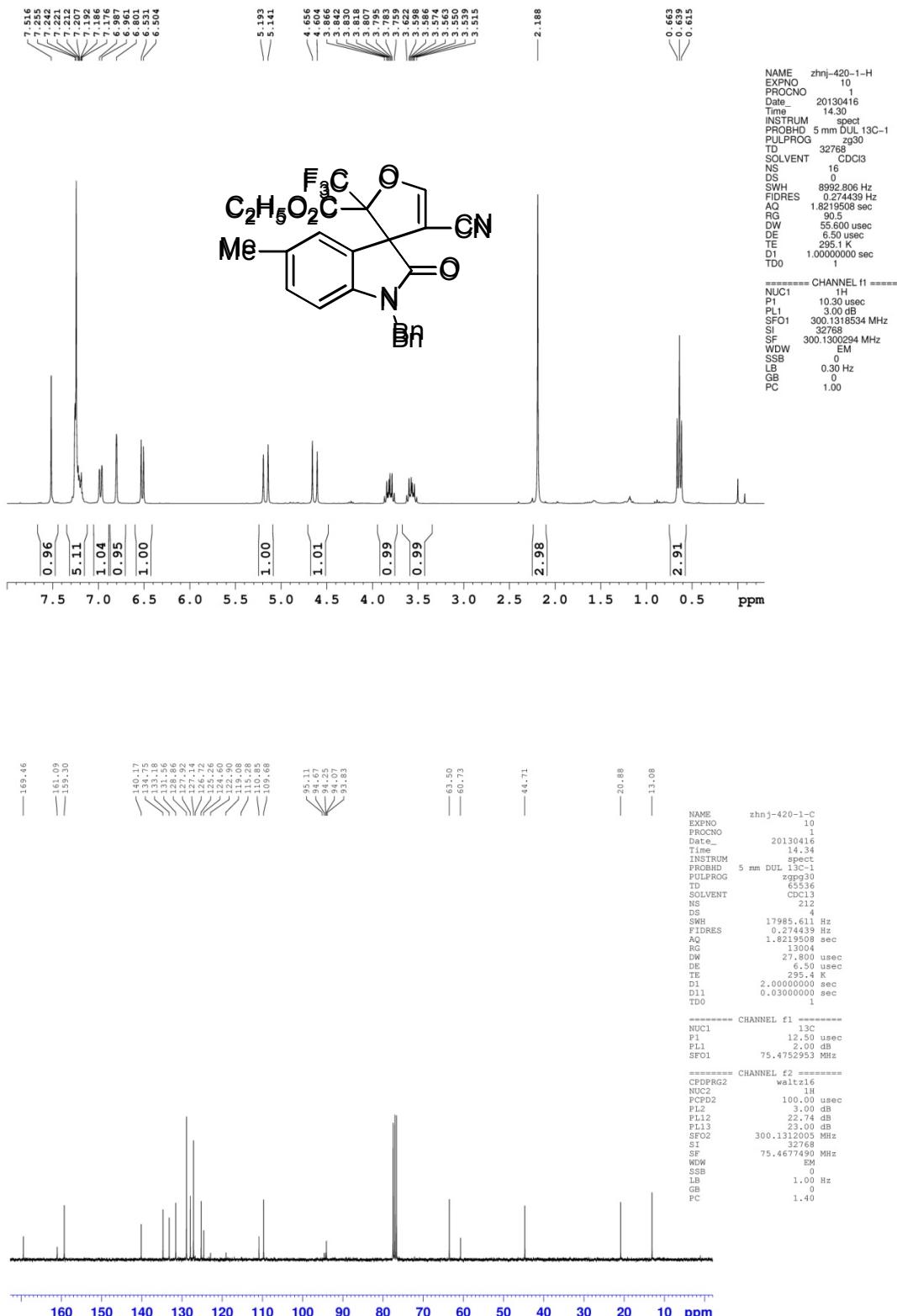


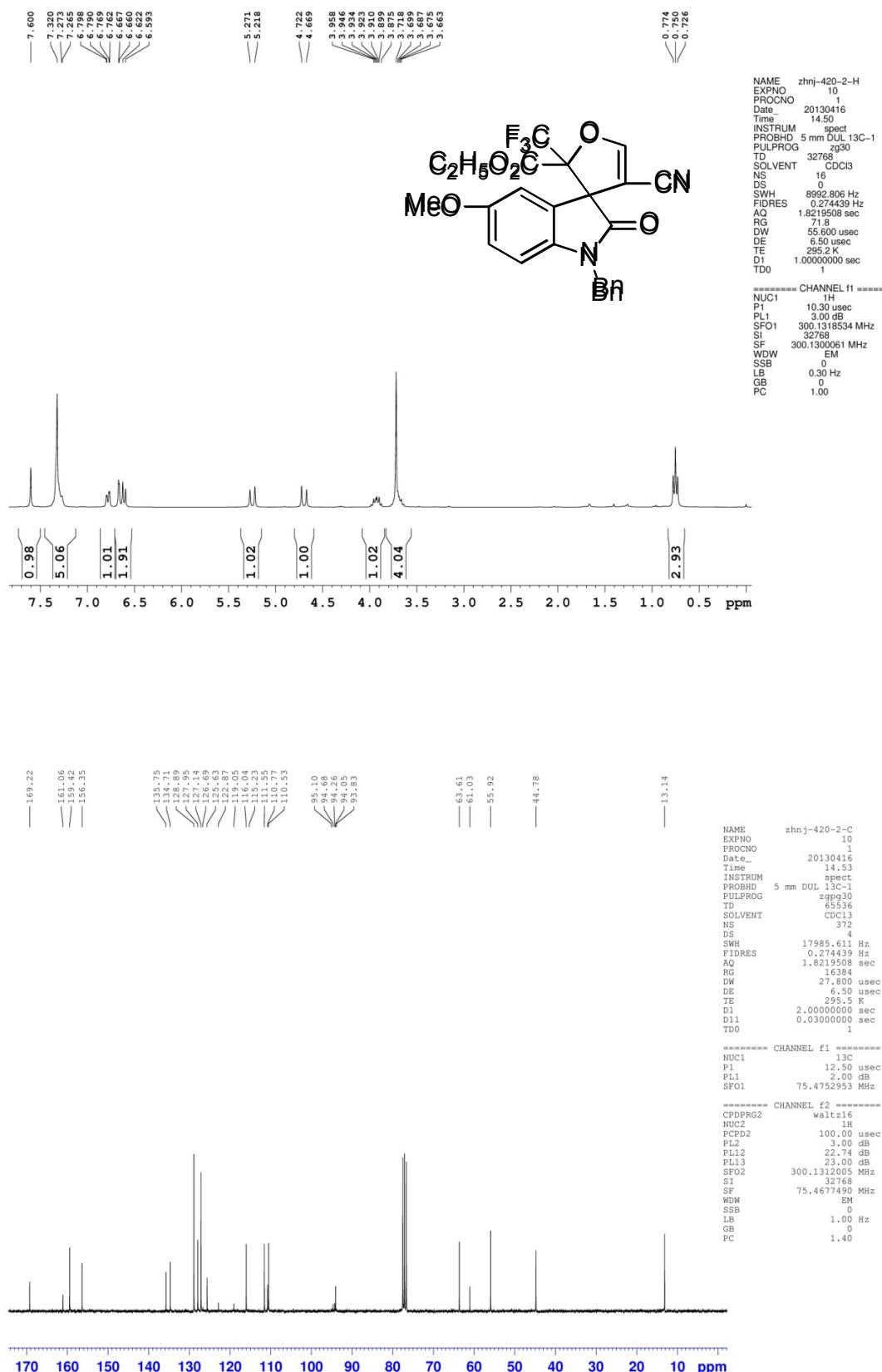


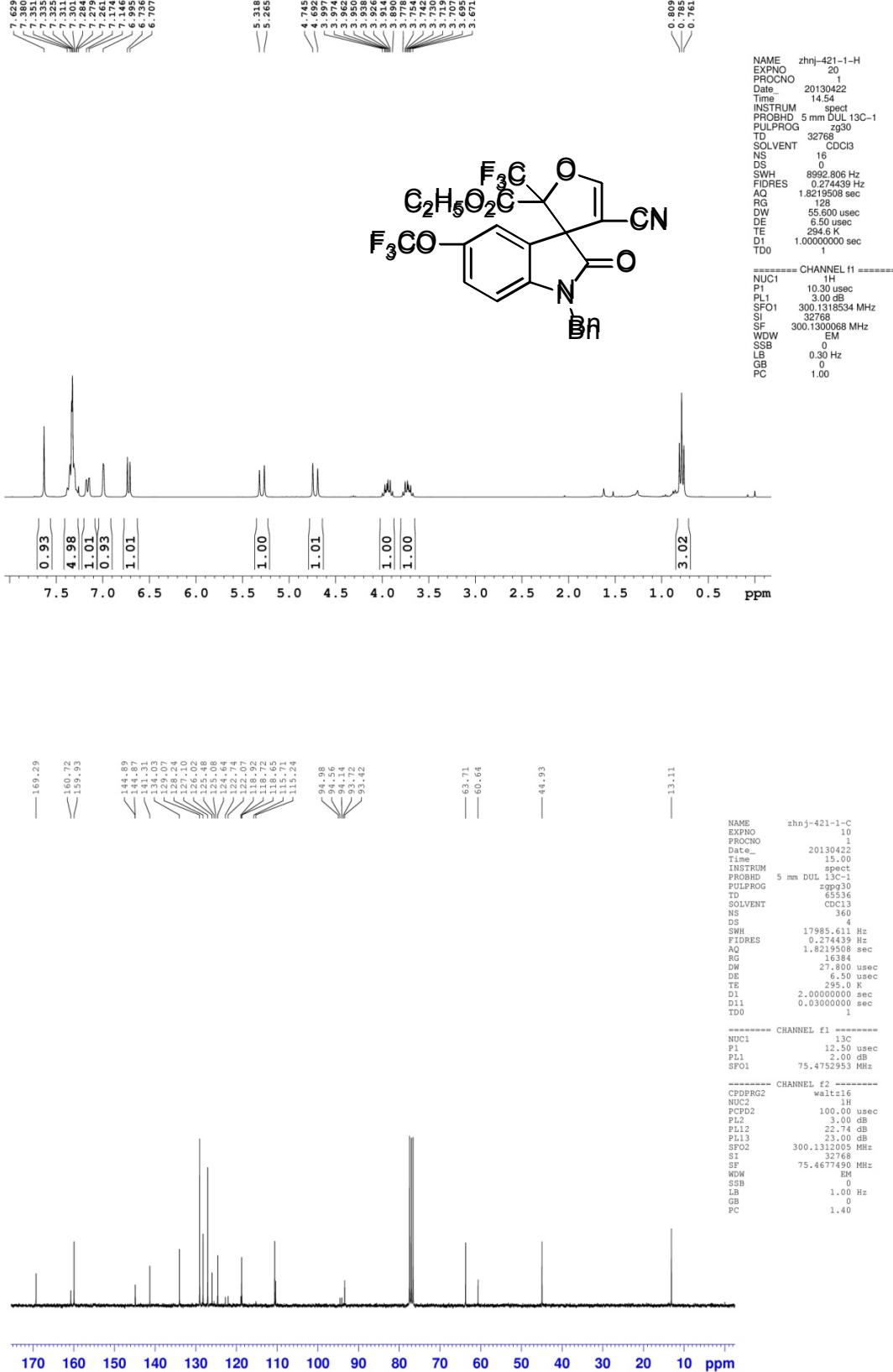


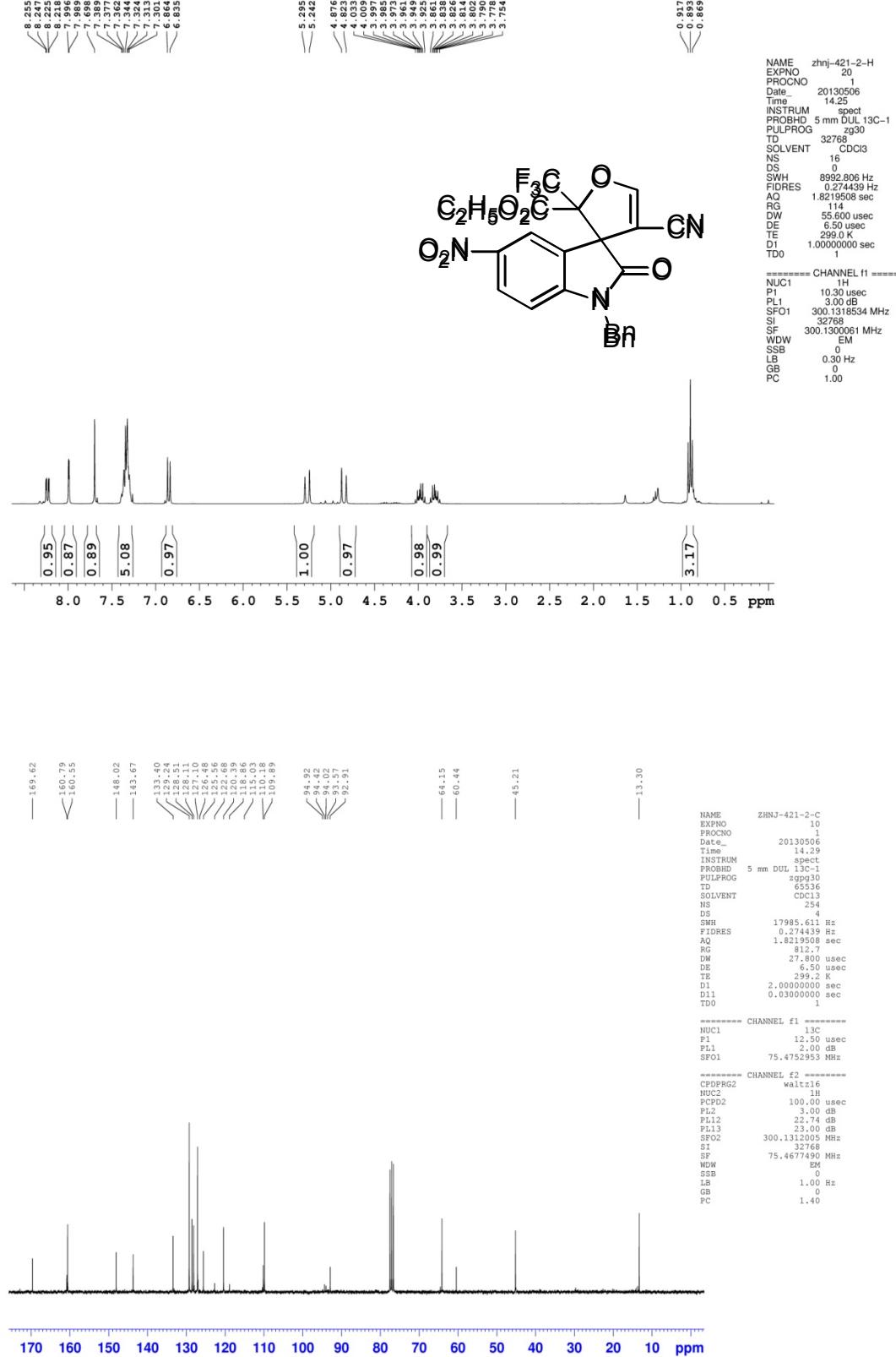


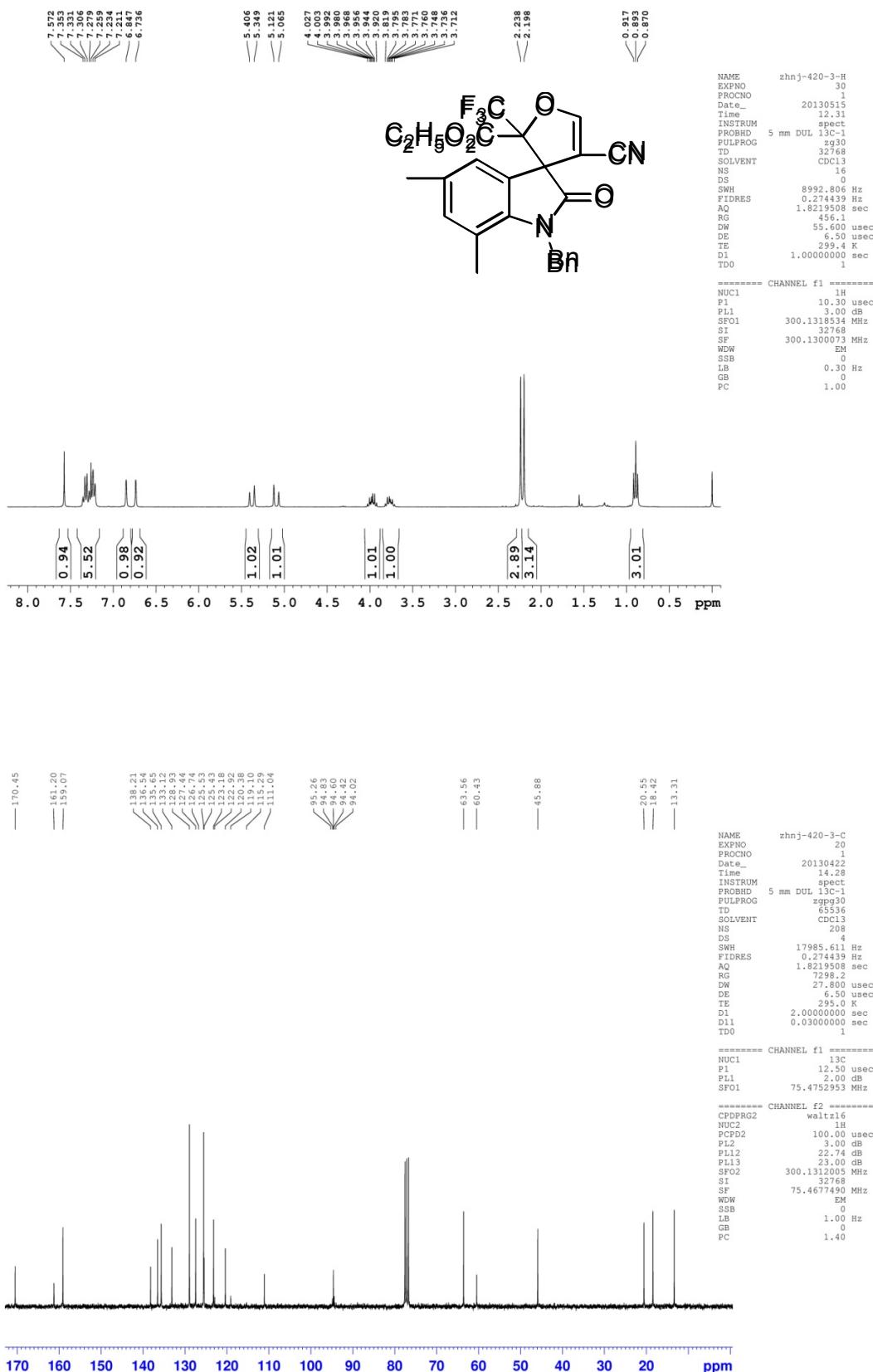




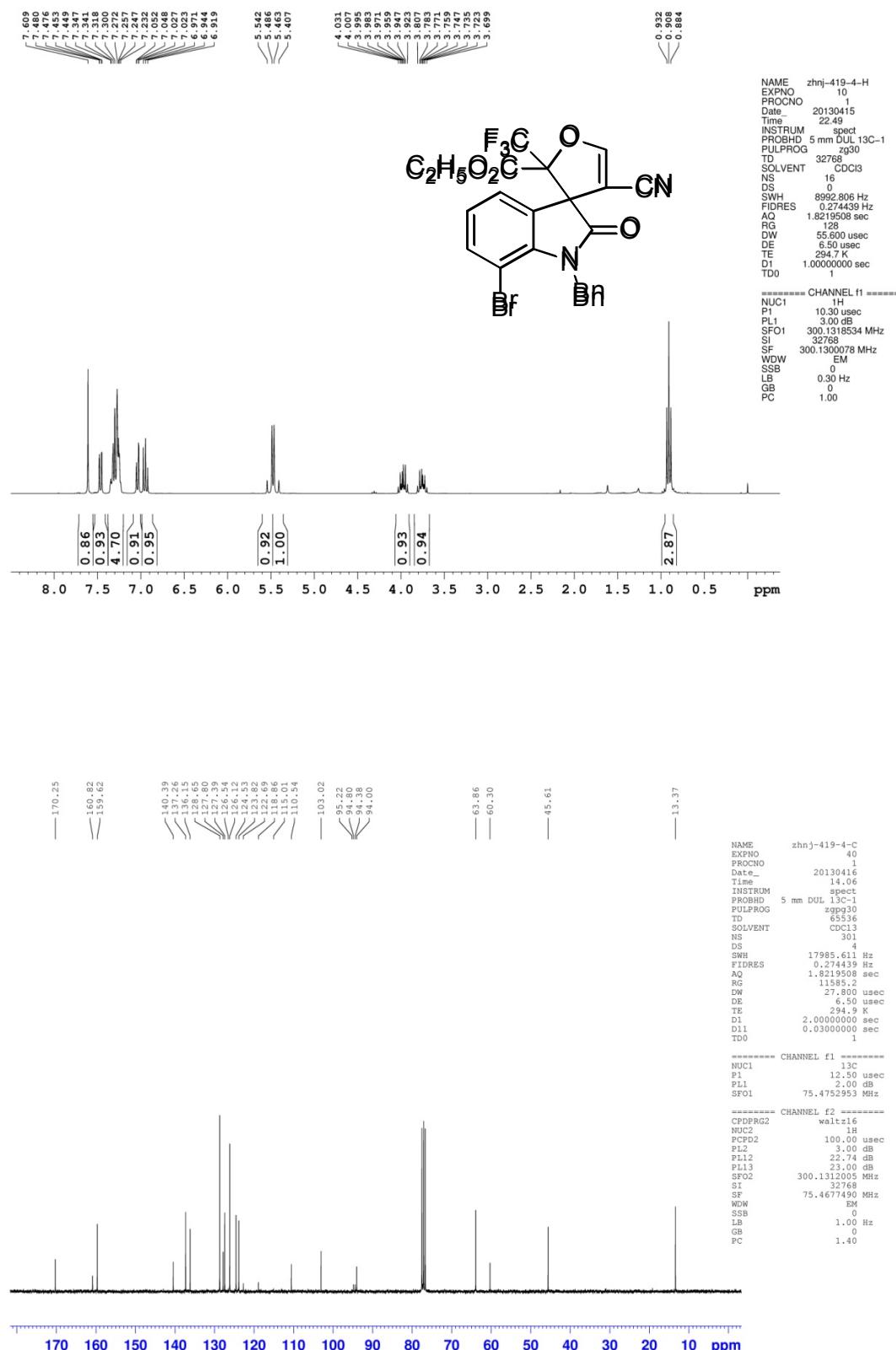


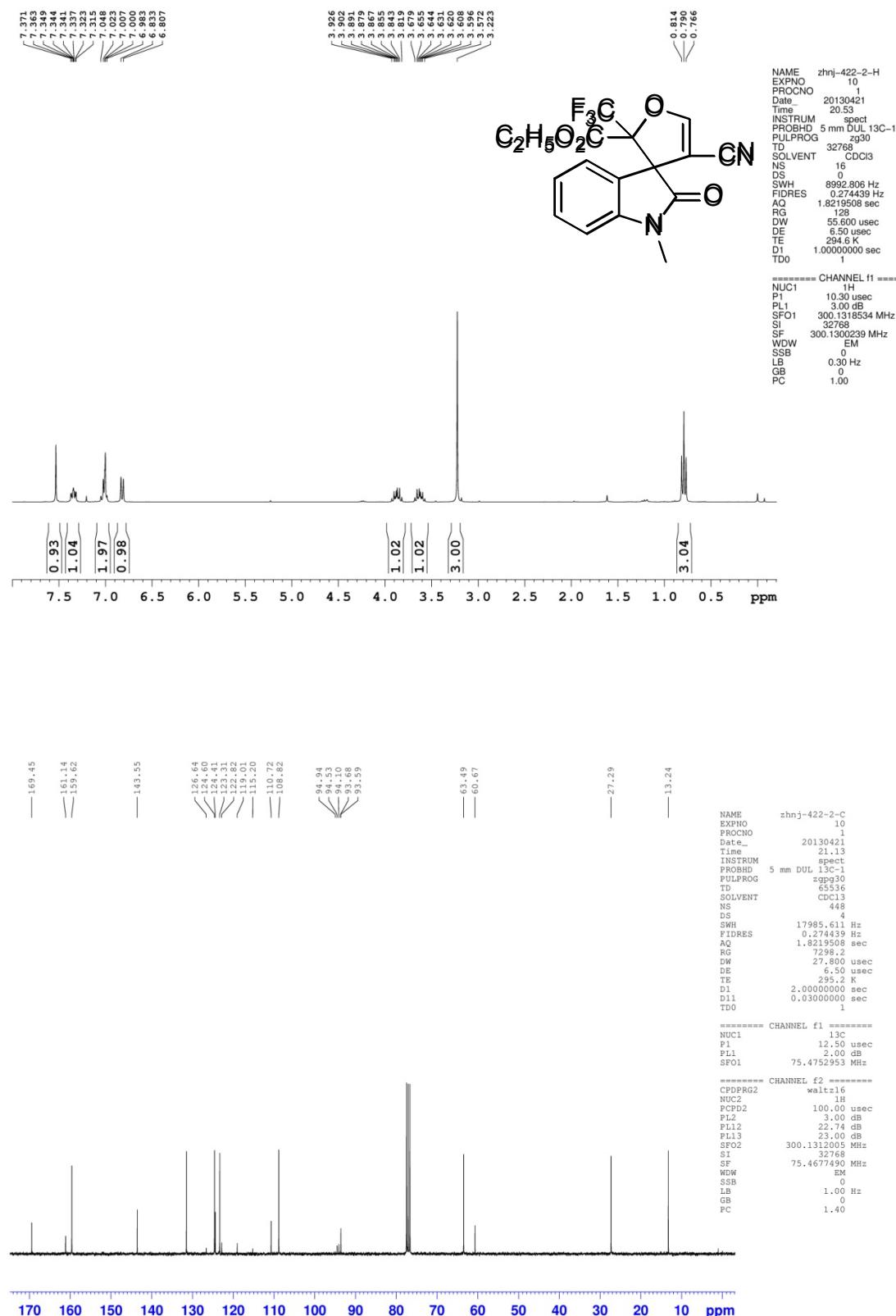


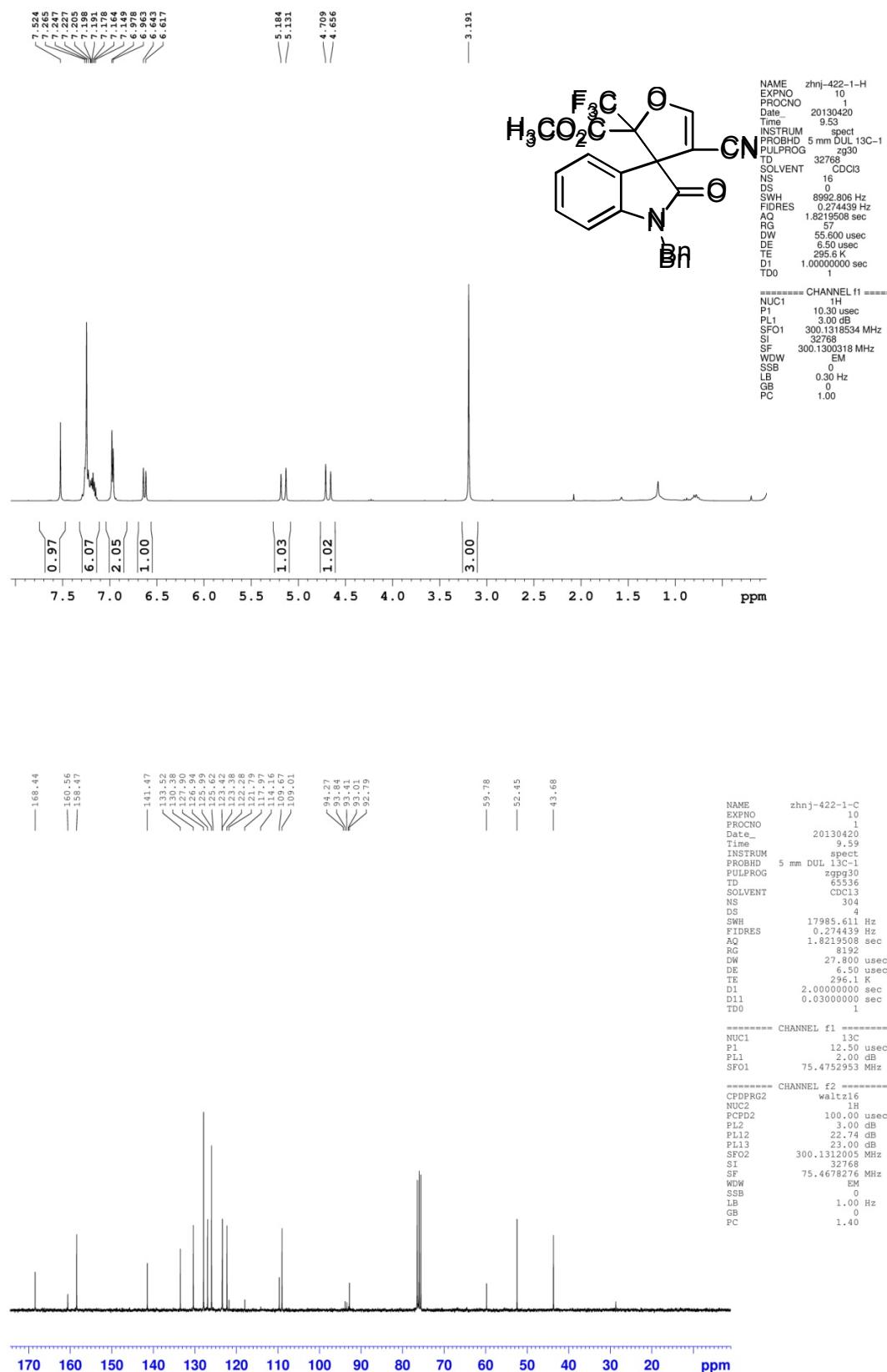


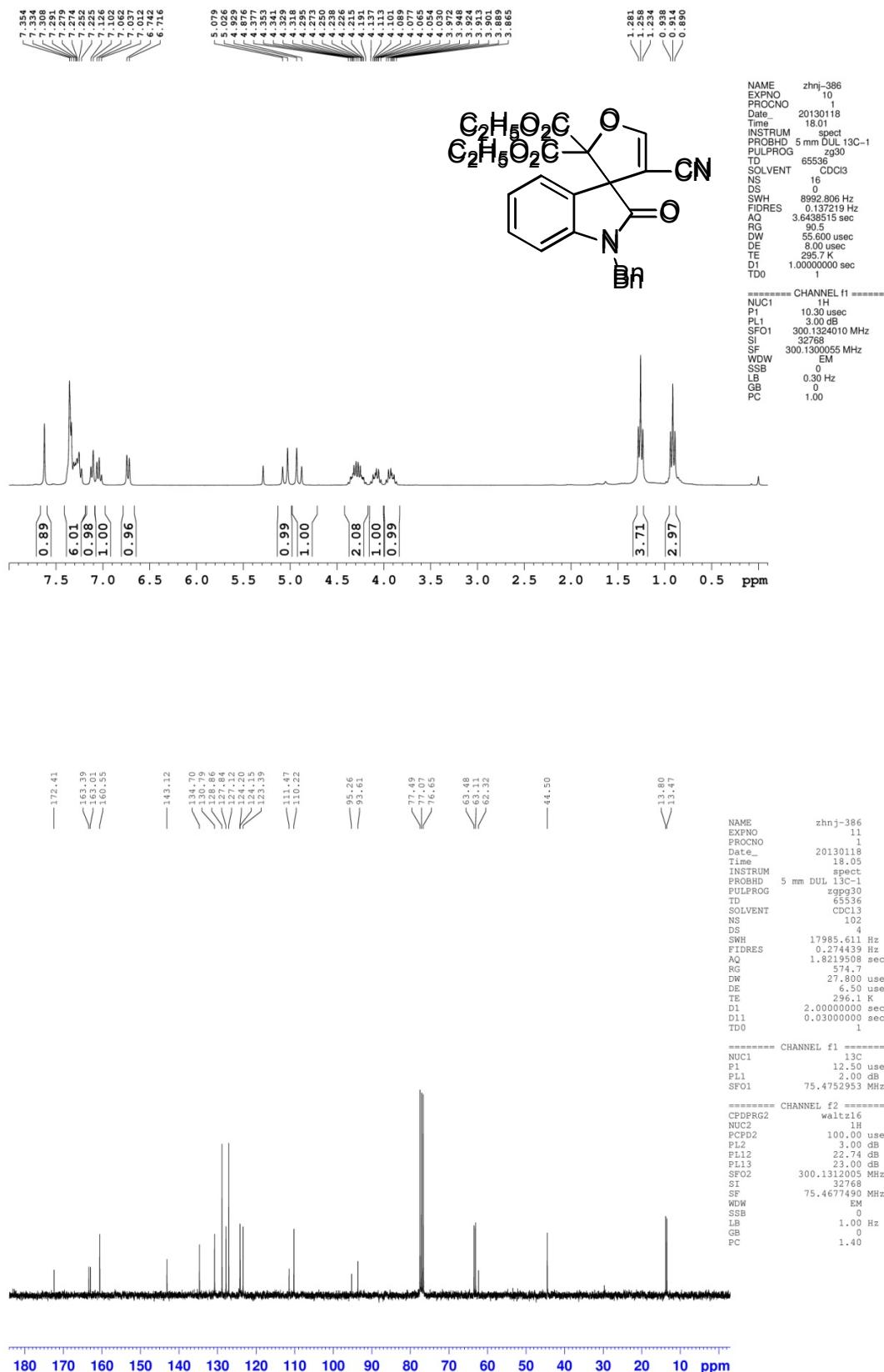


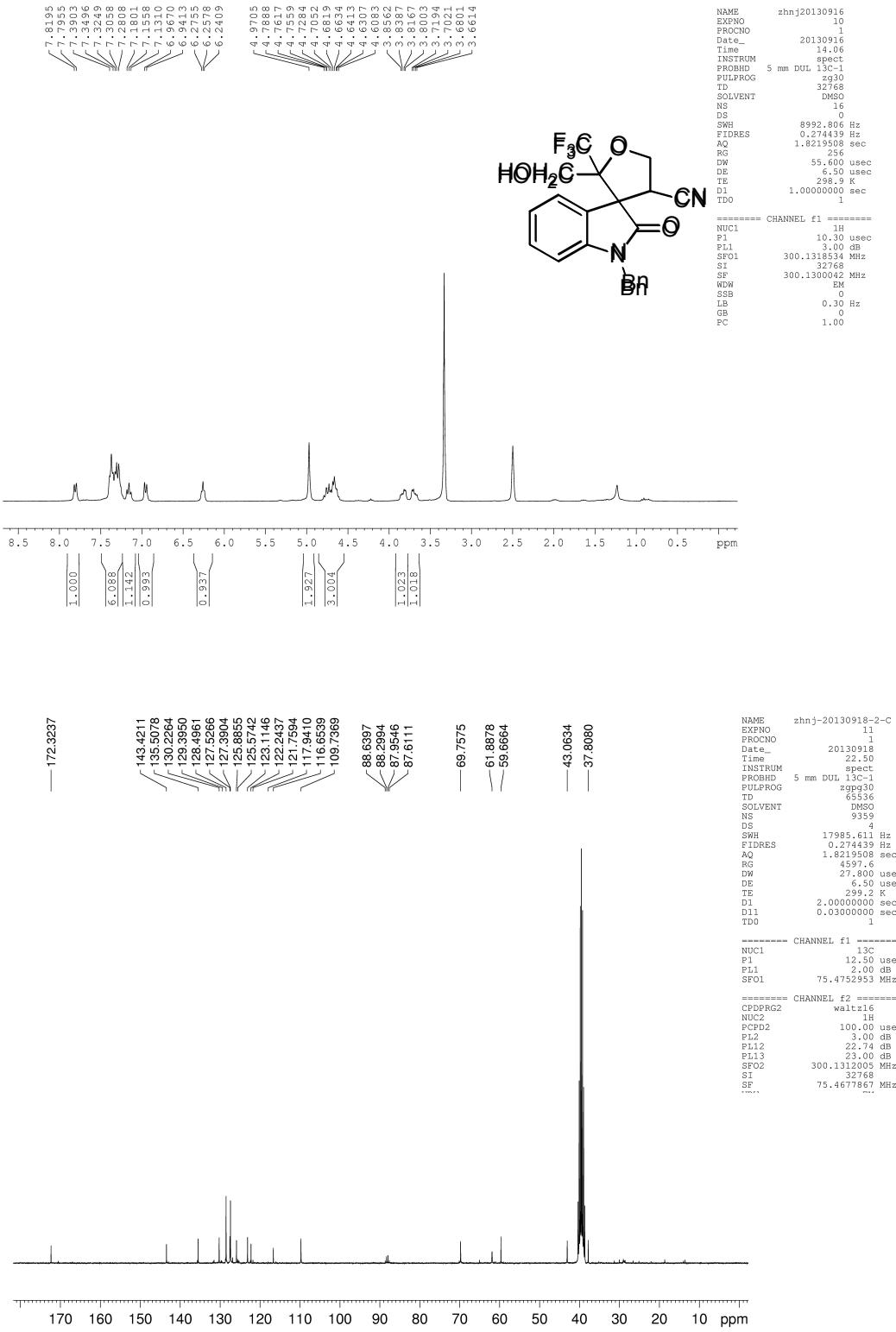




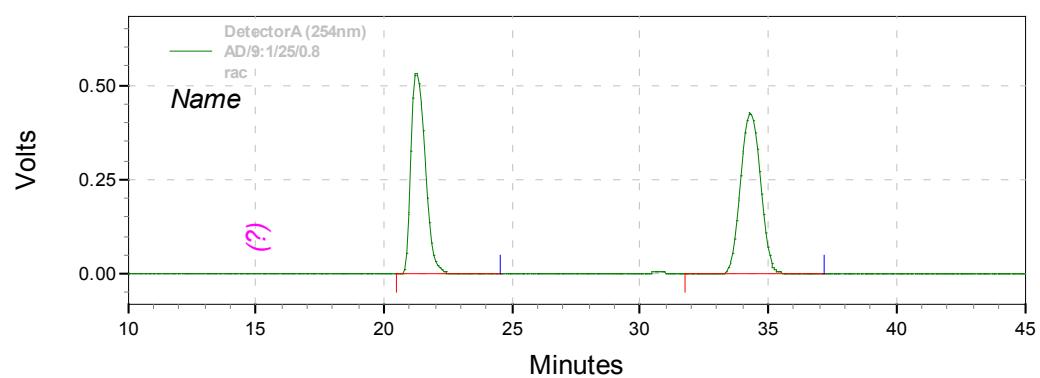
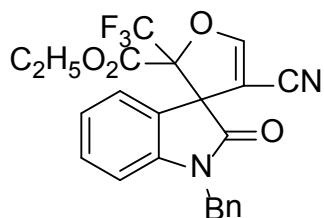






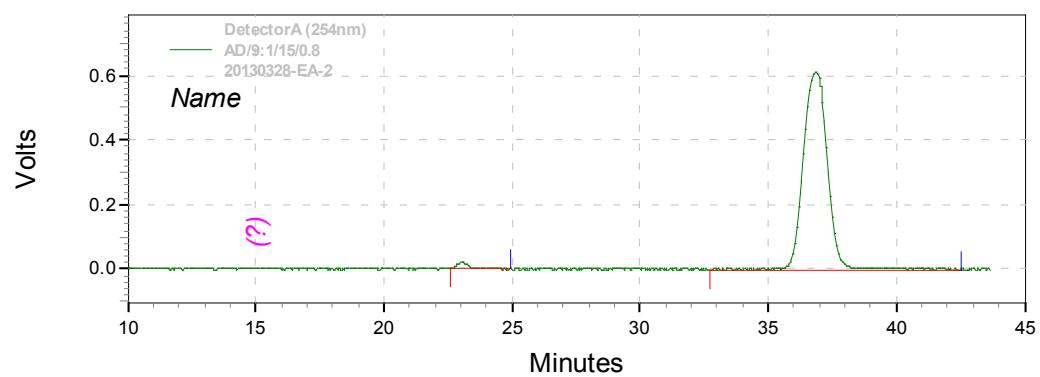


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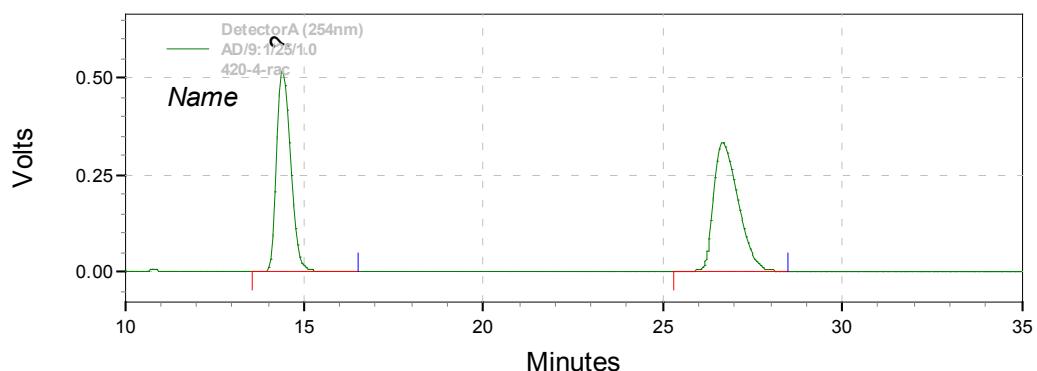
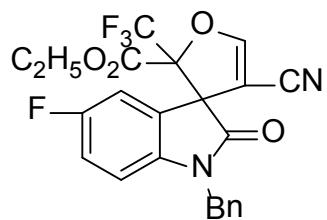
## DetectorA (254nm)

Pk #	Retention Time	Area	Area %
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2	34.280	23300666	52.943



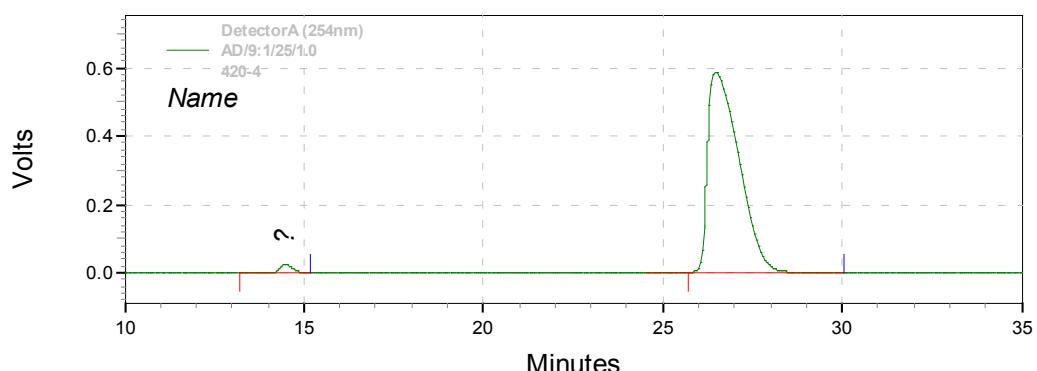
## DetectorA (254nm)

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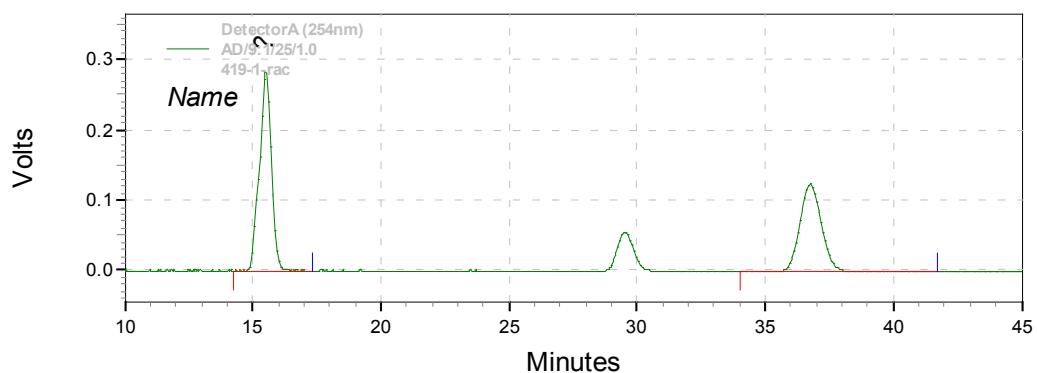
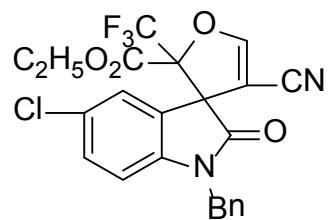
## **DetectorA (254nm)**

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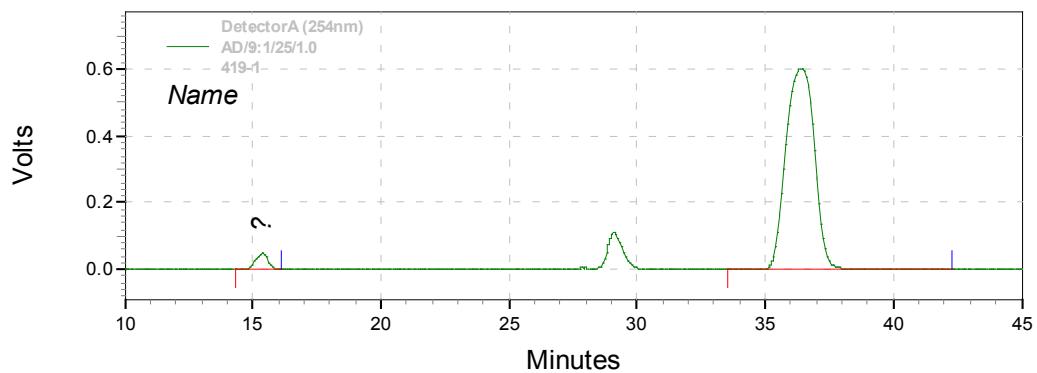
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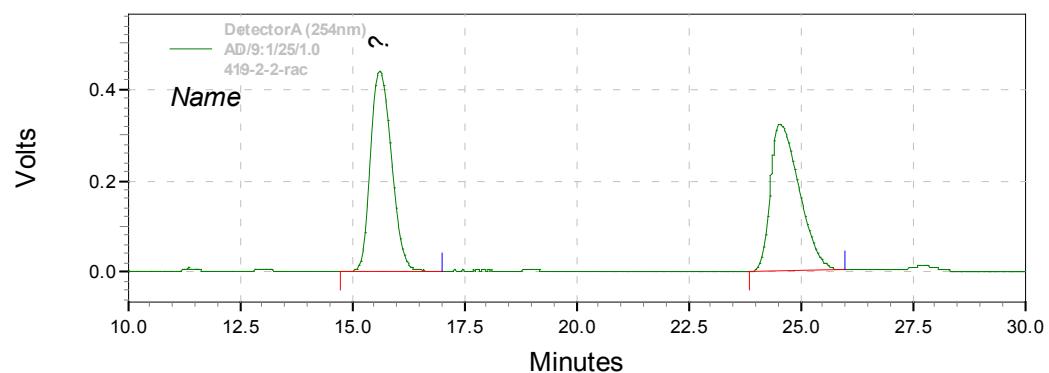
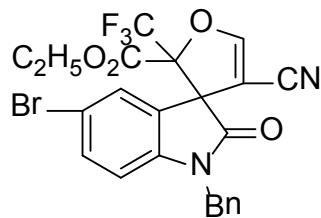
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2	26.509	35978687	98.199



**DetectorA (254nm)**

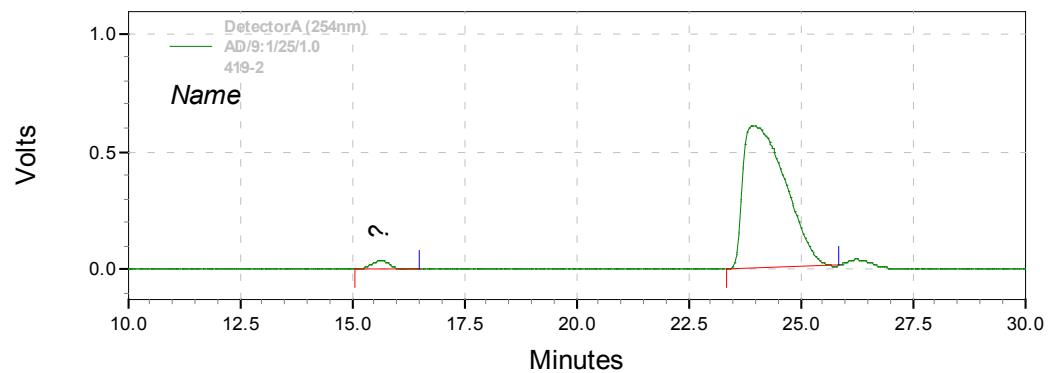
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2	36.790	7243121	44.175





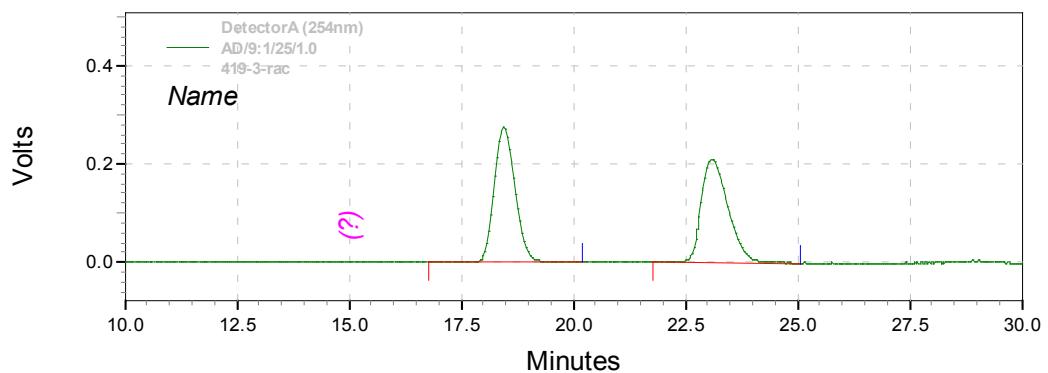
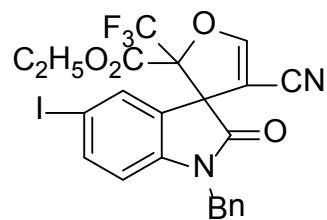
**DetectorA (254nm)**

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2	24.590	14659533	51.144



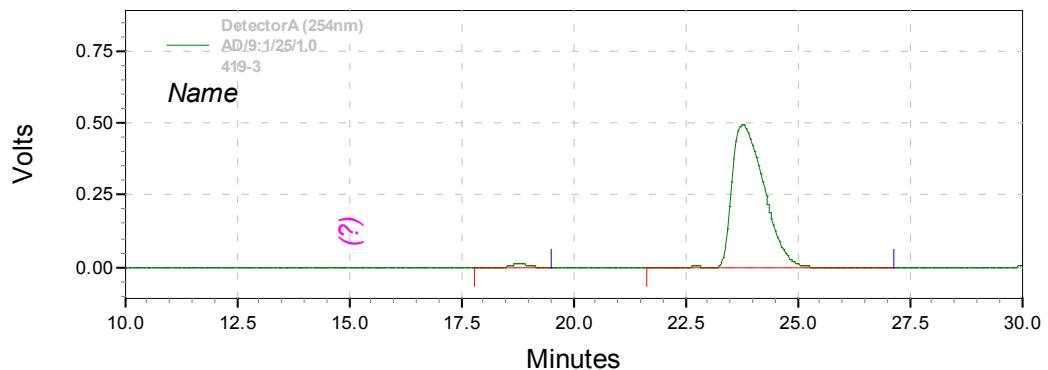
**DetectorA (254nm)**

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2	23.976	40132326	97.478



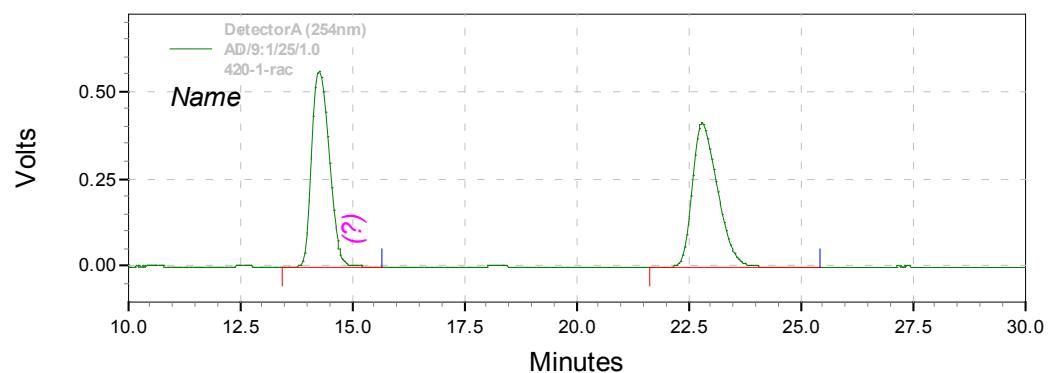
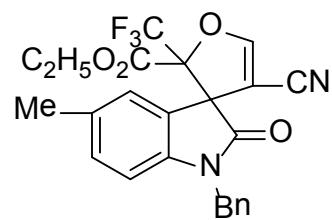
**DetectorA (254nm)**

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2	23.121	8728238	49.933



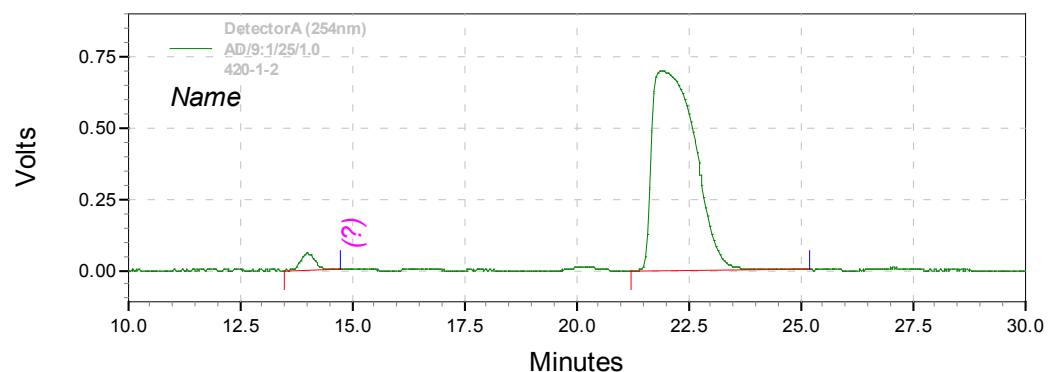
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2	23.792	25095076	98.391



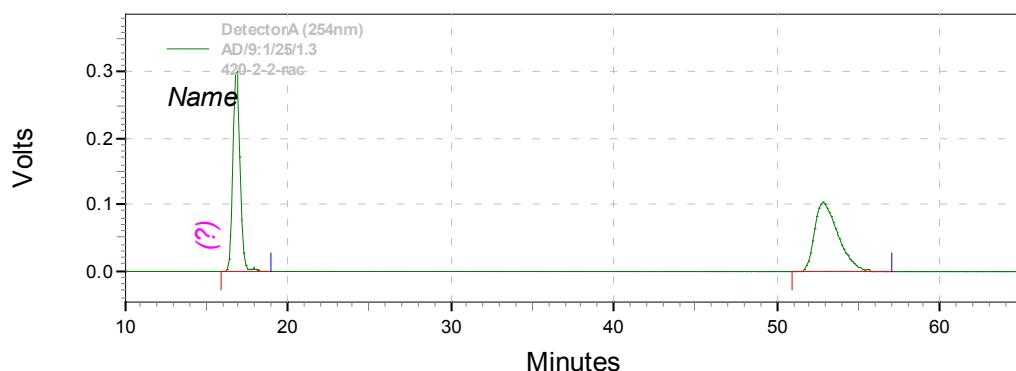
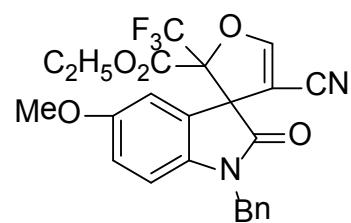
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2	22.817	16844096	52.711



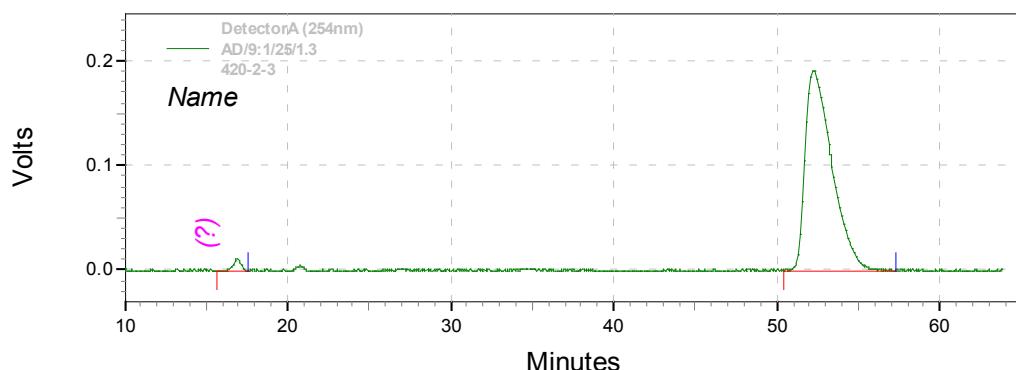
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2	21.937	46476963	97.328



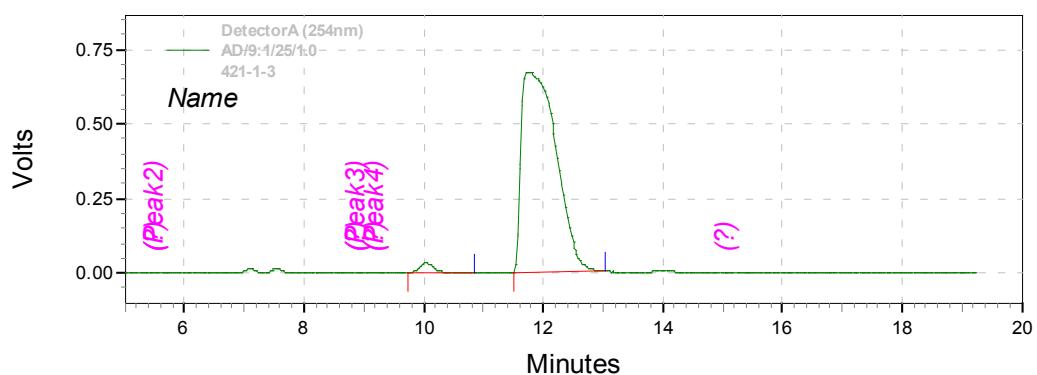
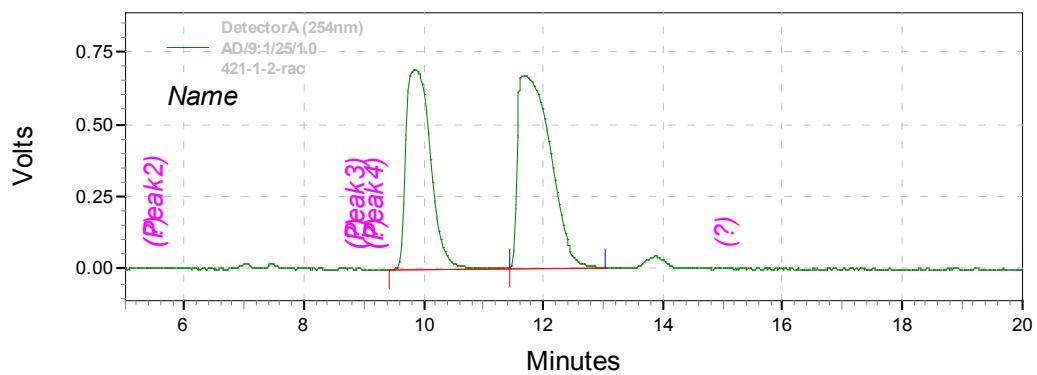
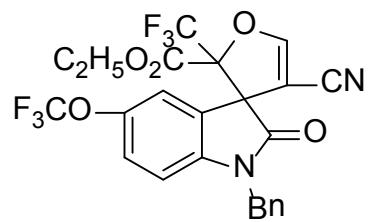
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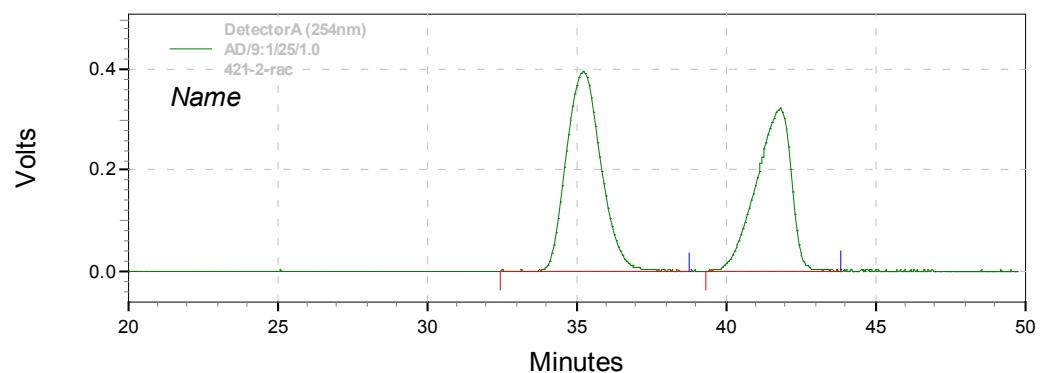
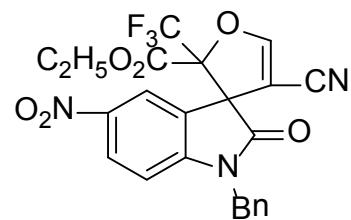
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2	52.818	10418987	53.228



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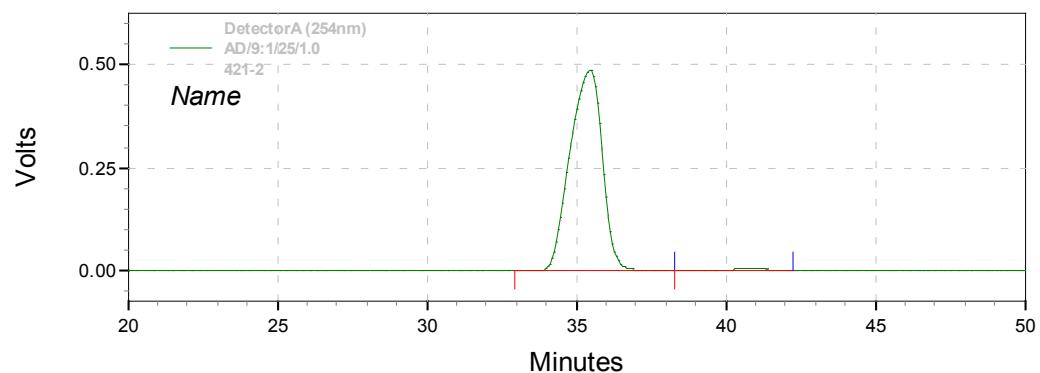
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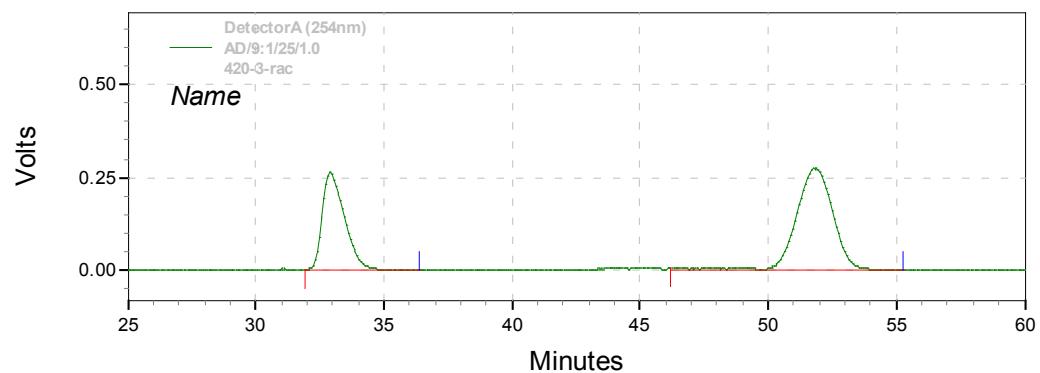
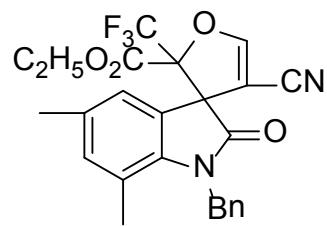
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2	41.791	26524928	45.823



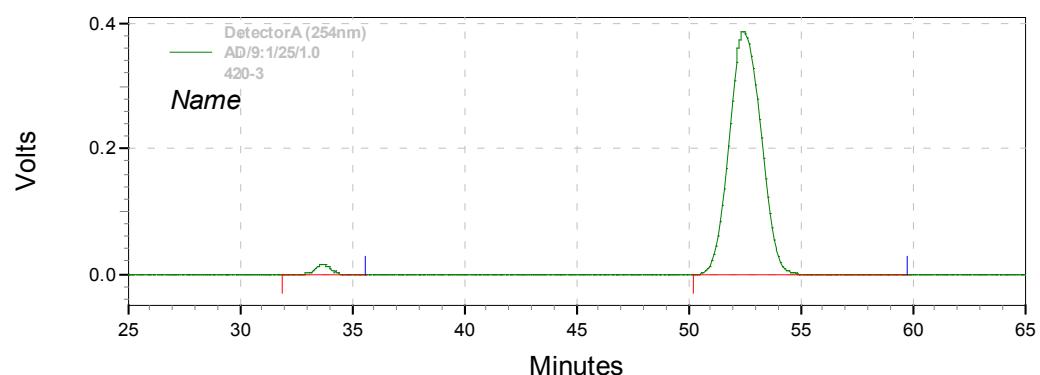
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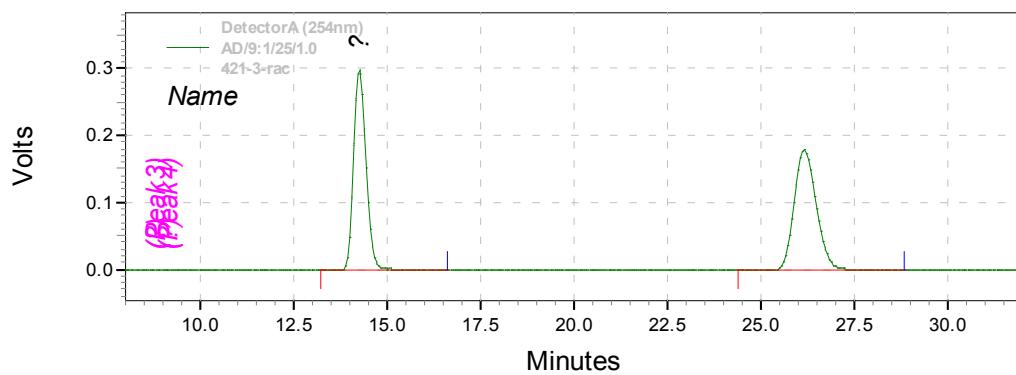
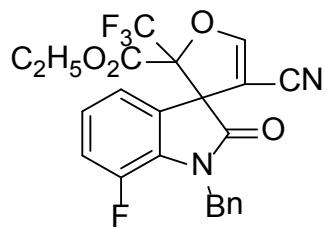
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2	51.853	25998322	62.764



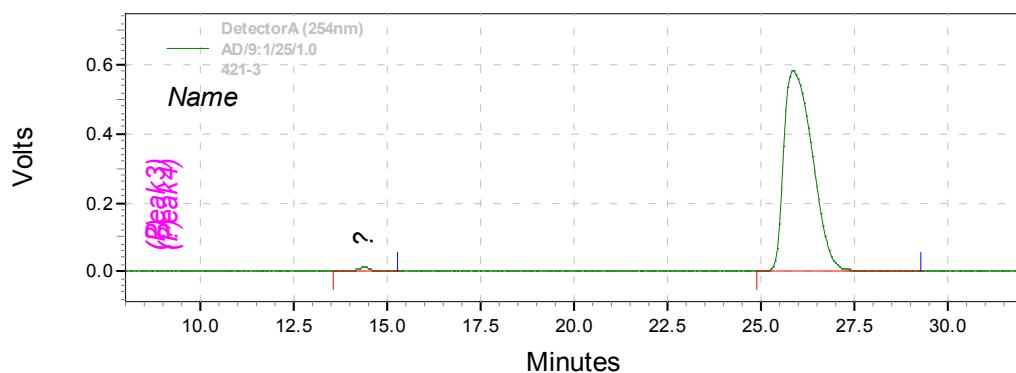
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2	52.512	40324784	97.723



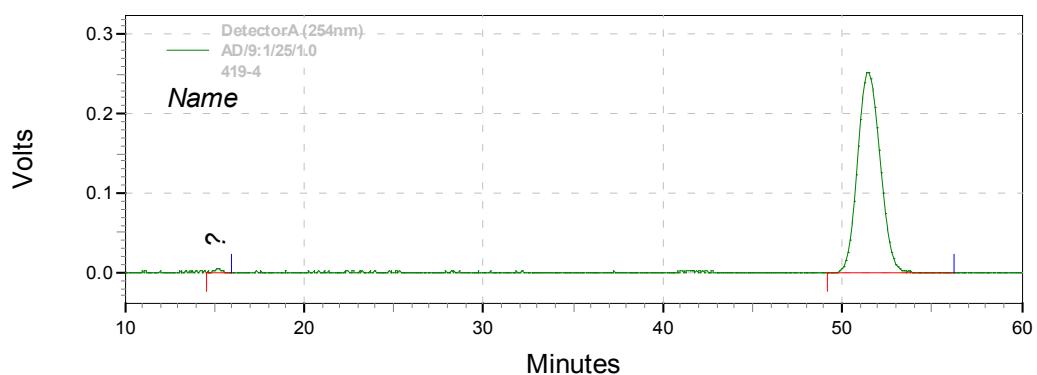
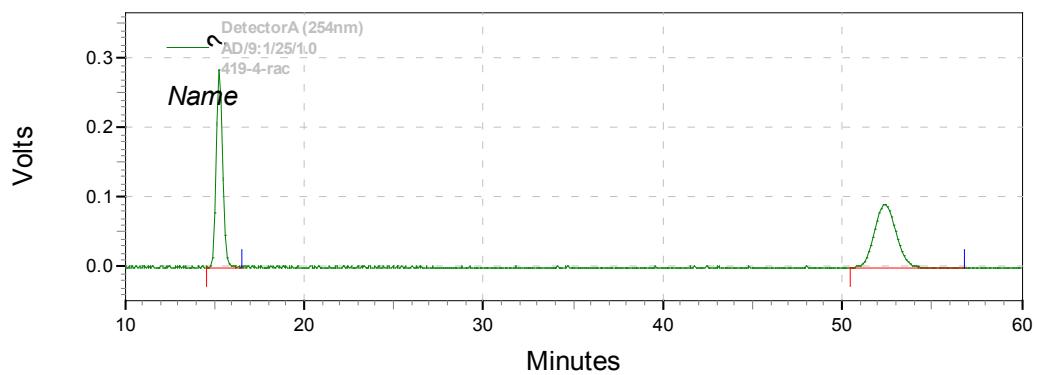
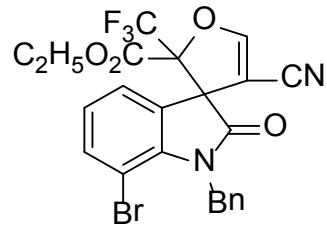
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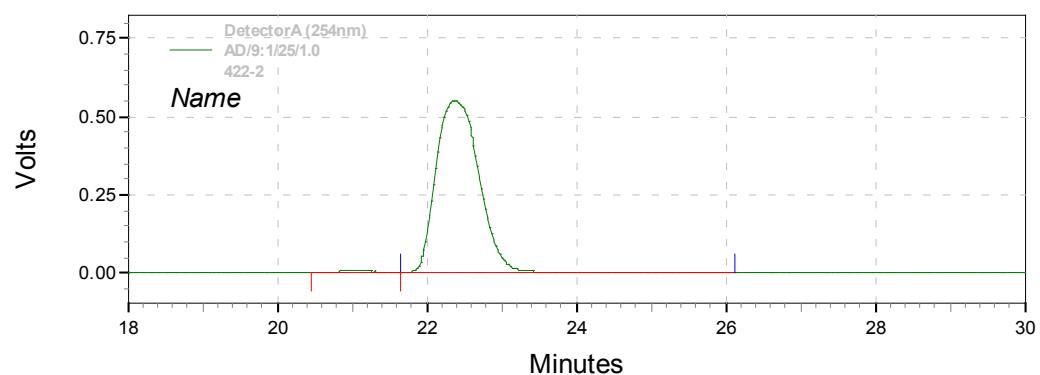
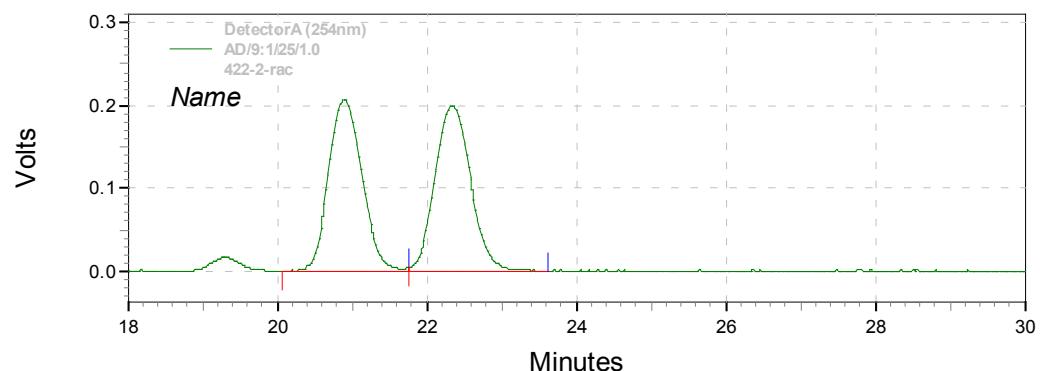
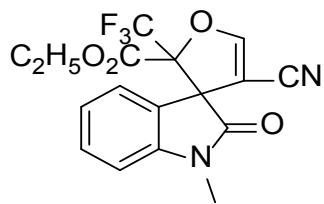
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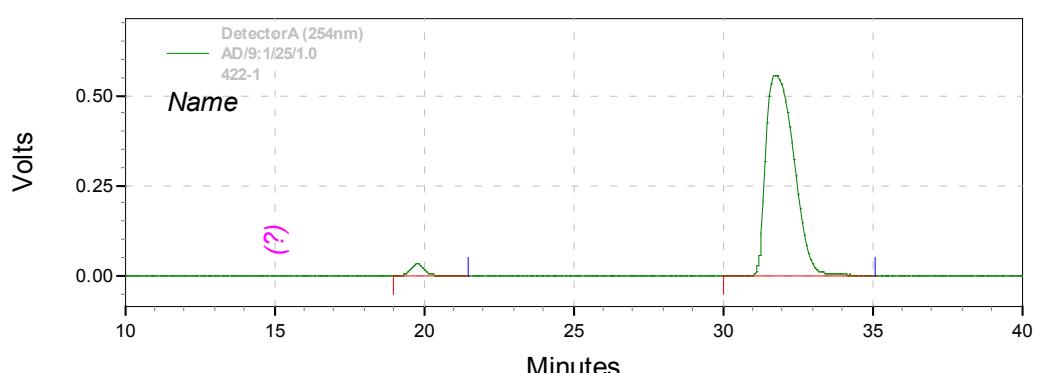
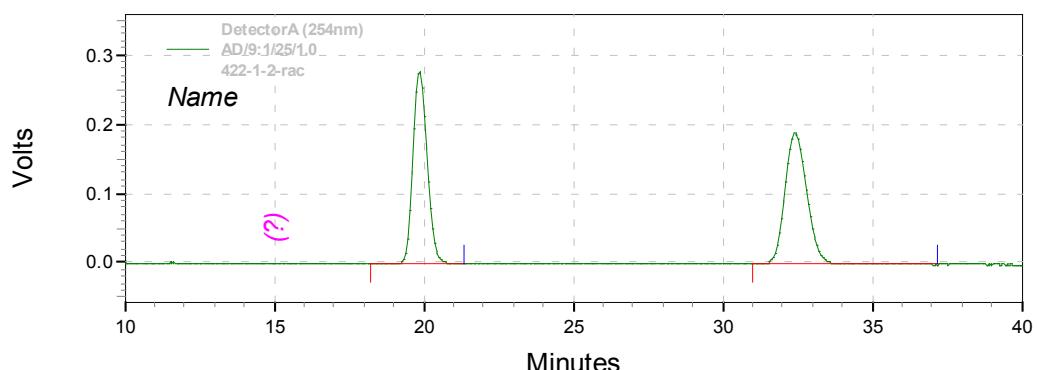
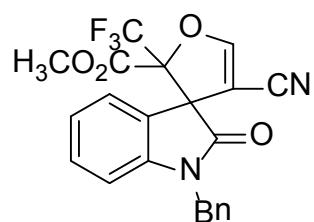


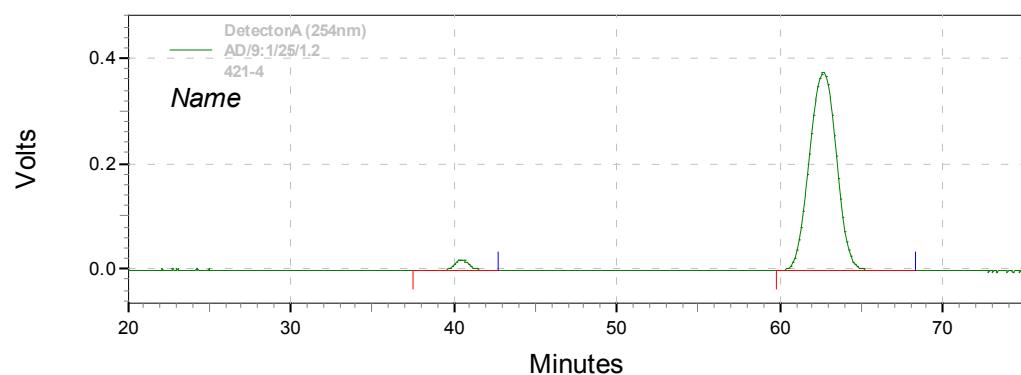
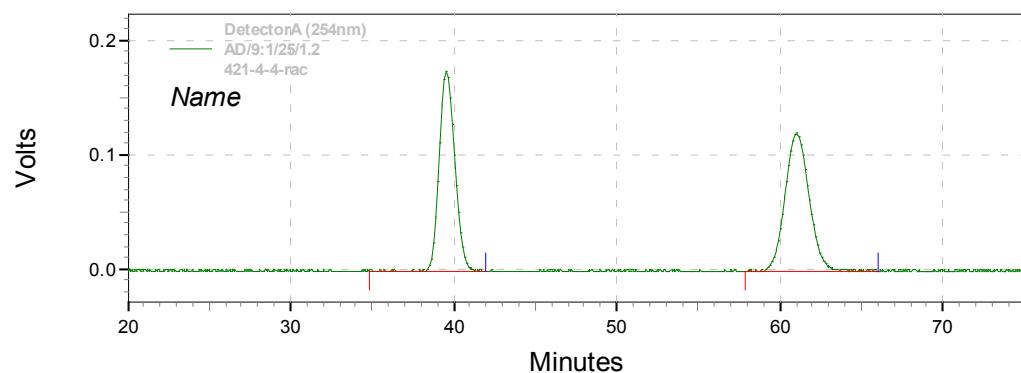
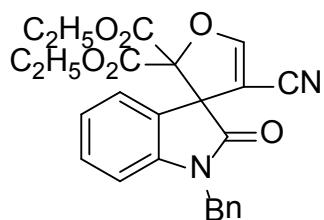
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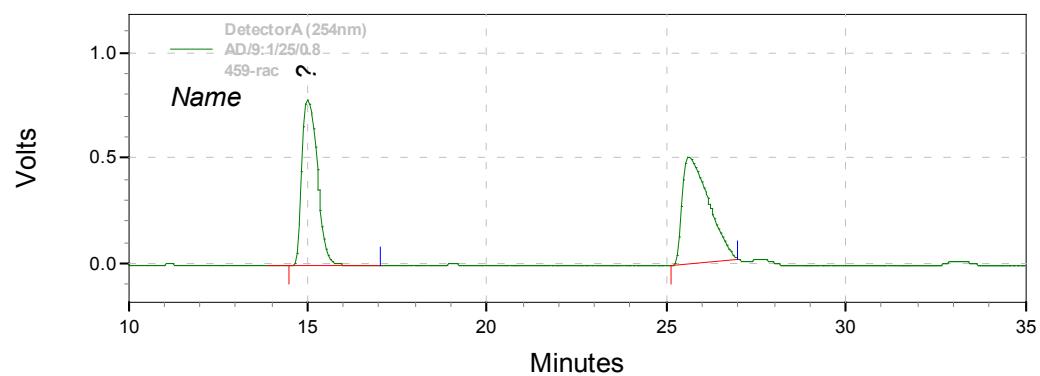
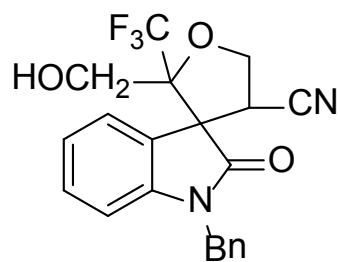
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2	25.926	30888422	99.068





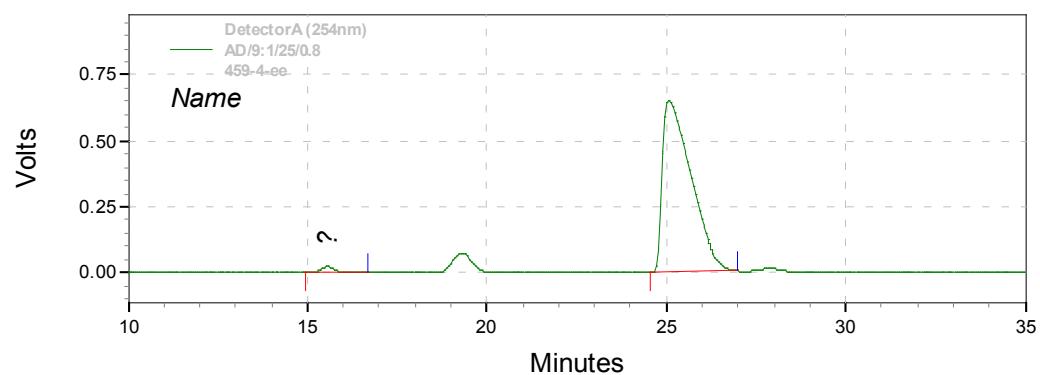






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Pk #	Retention Time	Area	Area %
1	14.983	24583016	48.296
2	25.611	26317305	51.704



#### DetectorA (254nm)

Pk #	Retention Time	Area	Area %
1	15.584	665328	1.826
2	25.066	35772110	98.174